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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	SATURDAY, 2 P.M 1899.
M. L. PENINSULAR	5257	W. Wheler	30th Dec. 1900.
* ORIENTAL	6284	J. F. Jephson	6th Jan.
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	13th "
" CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	20th "
M. L. ORIENTAL	6301	J. F. Jephson	27th "
" ARABIA	7903	J. L. Partitt	3rd Feb.
M. L. CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	10th "
* CALEDONIA	7358	E. H. Gordon	17th "
M. L. ARABIA	7901	J. L. Partitt	24th "
* PENINSULAR	5257	W. Wheler	3rd Mar.
M. L. CALEDONIA	7168	E. H. Gordon	10th "
" EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	17th "
M. L. PENINSULAR	5257	W. Wheler	24th "
* ORIENTAL	6284	J. F. Jephson	31st "
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	7th April.
* SIAM	4362	J. Chellew	14th "
M. L. CHINA	7899	T. S. Angus	21st "
* ORIENTAL	6284	J. F. Jephson	28th "
M. L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Partitt	5th May.
" CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	12th "
M. L. CALEDONIA	7358	E. H. Gordon	19th "

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Steamers.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on
IMPERATOR	G. Klausberger	4,140	1st Jan. 1900.
IMPERATRIX	G. Morovich	4,213	1st Feb. 1900.
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	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE OR VENICE	Rs. 693.	Rs. 393.	Rs. 152.

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VINDOBONA	C. Bellen	4,351	7th Jan., 1900.
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Tenders should be sent into this office, with deposit, addressed to the President, by noon, on the 24th of January, 1900.

The allotment should be fully paid up on or before the 24th of February, 1900.

(Sd.) MD. S. HUSSAIN,
Revenue Officer.
Revenue Department, Municipal Office, Madras, 23rd Oct. 1899.

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J. BRODIE-MILLS, Vety. Major, A.V.D.,
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Petition for Letters of Administration to the property and credits of SAJMAL BEHROODAS, late of Bombay, Hindoo Inhabitant, deceased.

KOONARMAL VENICHAND and CHOTMUL FATEMAL of Bombay, Hindoo Inhabitants, residing at Chukla, without the Fort, on behalf of ANRAJ SAJMAL, SHIVRAJ SAJMAL, MISRIMAL SAJMAL and SOKARMAM SAJMAL, the minor sons of the above named deceased ..... Petitioners.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, KNIGHT, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid, the 2 st day of December in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-nine, and in the Sixty-third year of our Reign.

The Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

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The Bank receives DEPOSITS FIXED for one year and shorter periods, at Rates of Interest to be ascertained on application.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS are opened for approved Customers, and Interest is allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances from Rs. 1,000 up to Rs. 1,00,000, but no Interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 10 half-yearly.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE payable in the principal Cities of Europe, India, China, and Australia purchased or collected.

DRAFTS are granted on the Head Office and Branches of the Bank and on the principal Cities of Europe and Australia. Remittances may be made by telegram.

The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks, and Shares, and receives same for safe custody realising Interest and Dividends when due.

LOANS and CASH CREDITS granted on approved Securities.

ROBT. R. ROSS,
Acting Manager.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid up Capital.....$ 100,00,000
Reserve Fund .....$ 110,00,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors ....$ 100,00,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS AND HEAD OFFICE IN HONGKONG:

SIR THOMAS JACKSON, *Chief Manager.*
London Bankers.—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LD,
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BOMBAY,	LYONS,	SANFRANCISCO
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COLOMBO,	NAGASAKI,	SOURABAYA,
FOOCHOW,	NEW YORK,	TIENTSIN,
HAMBURG,	PEKING,	YOKOHAMA

BOMBAY AGENCY.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 1 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance if not under Rs. 1,000, and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000; but no interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 5 half-yearly.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Received on terms which may be learnt on application.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every Description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China, and Japan.

G. H. TOWNSEND,
Agent
47, Church Gate Street, Bombay, and at 31 Dalhousie Square, South, Calcutta

THE AGRA BANK, LIMITED.

CAPITAL £600,000
RESERVE FUND .....£ 20,000

LONDON BANKERS.
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
GLYN MILLS, CURRIE AND COMPANY.
NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, SCOTLAND.
NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND AND BRANCHES, IRELAND.
PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND AND BRANCHES
AND Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Lahore Kurrachee
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SINGAPORE	Messrs. Boustead & Co.
PENANG	Messrs. Boustead & Co.
HONGKONG	Messrs. Gillman & Co.
AUSTRALIA	Bank of Australasia and Union Bank of Australia.
COLOMBO	The Bank of Madras.
RANGOON	Bank of Bengal.
AGRA	Chartered Bank of India, Ltd.
DELHI	Bank of Bengal.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

ACCOUNTS CURRENT opened and Interest allowed when the Balance does not fall below Rs. 1,000.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Received on Terms to be learned on application.
HOME REMITTANCES EFFECTED for family and other remittances to Europe in the Bank's own Bills and Interest at 3 per cent. allowed on Deposits pending remittance.
Circular Notes issued enabling the holder to draw in all the principal Towns in Europe. Securities, Specie &c., in safe custody and Interest and Dividends realised.
LOANS granted on Government Paper or other convertible Securities, and APPROVED Bills discounted.
GOVERNMENT PAPER and other SECURITIES and SHARES bought and sold and the safe custody of the same undertaken.
INTEREST, PAY and PENSIONS collected and every other description of Banking Business and Money Agency transacted.

J. BLACKHALL, Manager.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—MADRAS
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1845
BRANCHES at Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon, Kurrachee, Rawalpindi, Murree, and London.

	Rs.
PAID-UP CAPITAL	40,00,000
RESERVES AND REST	11,13,573
SECURITY PROVIDED FOR DEPOSITORS...	51,13,575

CURRENT ACCOUNTS receive 2 per cent. per annum; up to Rs. 10,000 in the event of the balance not falling below Rs. 500.
STERLING DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS for Home Remittances receive 4 per cent. per annum.
FIXED DEPOSITS.—Receipts issued for 3 years at 6 per cent., 24 months at 5 1-2 per cent., 12 months at 5 per cent., 9 months at 4 1-2 per cent., 6 months at 4 per cent. per annum.
Special rates are given for Short Term Deposits during the busy season.
PRUDENTIAL OR PROVIDENT FUND.—Sums as small as Rs. 10 are received, carrying 5 per cent. interest, compounded half-yearly.
N. B.—The Bank will also transfer sums for deposit on Credit in London, carrying interest from date of transfer in India.
Accounts are opened and receipts issued in the name of "Credit in London, carrying interest from date of transfer in India.
CHEQUES, BILLS, HUNDIS and CURRENCY NOTES of any Circle are collected and credited, free of charges to and of the Interest Periods Account.
CHEQUES, LOANS, BILLS, and PROMISSORY NOTES negotiated.
INVESTMENT ORDERS on London Stock Exchange under Code will be undertaken.
Rules and Particulars obtainable at any office of the Bank.

By Order of the Board,
F. D. STRANACK,
Manager.

Bombay, 30th June, 1899.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £1,144,625
PAID-UP CAPITAL £562,5000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £562,500

HEAD OFFICE:
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LONDON BANKERS:
The Bank of England.
The London Joint Stock Bank.
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, COLOMBO, KANDY GALLE, SINGAPORE, HONGKONG, and SHANGHAI.

The Bank negotiates and collects Bills and grants Drafts payable at its Head Office and Branches, and issues Letters of Credit for the use of Travellers.
The Bank receives Deposits on the following terms:—
CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.
Interest allowed at 2 per cent. on the daily balance if not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000. Sums over Rs. 1,00,000 will be received on terms to be ascertained on application.
FIXED DEPOSITS.
Rates for Fixed deposits for 12 months and shorter periods to be ascertained on application.
The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks and Shares, and receives same for safe custody, realising interest and dividends when due.

JAMES MURDOCH,
Manager.

22, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... Yens 12,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL ..... " 12,000,000
RESERVE FUND ..... " 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—YOKOHAMA.
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Tokio, Kobe, Nagasaki, London, Lyons, New York, San Francisco, Hawaii, Shanghai, Hongkong, and Tientsin.
BANKERS—The LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK
The UNION BANK of LONDON, AND THE PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.
BOMBAY AGENCY.

LIBERAL INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSITS, on Terms to be learnt on application.
CREDITS granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
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COSSART, GORDON & Co.	Madeira.
A. DE LUZE ET FILS	Bordeaux
BUTLER, NEPHEW & Co.	Oporto.
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VAN-KELLERS & Co.	Oporto.
WOODHOUSE & Co	Marsala.
LEACOCK & Co	Madeira.
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RUINART PERE ET FILS	Rheims.
KIDD AND SHADBOLT	London.
P. J. VALCKENBERG	Worms.
O. MAREY & LIGER-BELAIR	Côtes d'Or
ACKERMANN LAURANCE	Saumur.
ANDREW ROWAN	Melbourne.
AUSTRALIAN WINE Co.	Melbourne
JOS. DIETZL	Budapest.
R. SCHLUMBERGER	Vöslau.
JAMES CATHCART & Co.	Leith.
CHAS. MACKINLAY & Co.	Leith.
JOHN CRABBIE & Co.	Leith.
SIR ROBERT BURNETT & Co.	London.
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Age next Birthday.	Monthly premium.	Age next Birthday.	Monthly premium.	Age next Birthday.	Monthly premium.
	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
25	1 0 0	25	15 7 0	25	13 13 0
30	1 1 0	30	16 6 0	30	15 0 0
35	1 2 0	35	17 13 0	35	16 1 0
40	1 3 0	40	19 10 0	40	17 10 0

Rates or other ages and under other systems will be supplied on application.

NON-FORFEITURE POLICIES—LIBERAL SURRENDER VALUES.

AGENTS:—

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Moderate Premiums,
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R. PATERSON BROWN,
Manager.

GRESHAM LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED.

ASSETS EXCEED .....Rs. 10,50,00,000
ANNUAL INCOME EXCEEDS...Rs. 1,87,50,000

This Old Established Society grants Policies with Capitalised Profits at the following LOW RATES of premiums:—

Policy for Rs. 5,000 payable at Death only.		Policy for Rs. 5,000 payable at age 55 or Death, 20 limited payments.		Policy for Rs. 5,000 payable at age 55 or Death if it occurs sooner.		Policy for Rs. 5,000 payable at age 60 or Death if it occurs sooner.	
Age next Birthday.	Yearly premium.	Age next Birthday.	Yearly premium.	Age next Birthday.	Yearly premium.	Age next Birthday.	Yearly premium.
	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
25	143 1 0	25	197 8 0	25	198 7 0	25	193 4 0
30	156 6 0	30	209 8 0	30	232 10 0	30	223 0 0
35	173 11 0	35	224 15 0	35	269 3 0	35	253 0 0
40	195 9 0	40	242 15 0	40	315 0 0	40	284 0 0

Rates for other ages and under other systems will be supplied on application.

Intending insurers are invited to apply for the Society's new Prospectus before Assuring elsewhere.

Applications for Agencies from Gentlemen of influence throughout the country will receive every attention.

CHIEF AGENTS:—

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Guarantees Against Embezzlement.

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HEAD OFFICE, ORIENTAL BUILDINGS, BOMBAY.

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	Gold. Rs.	Silver. Rs.	Steel & Nickel. Rs.
With Turnpin Side 50	28		16
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BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly. Divid.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	1 bon. } 10 pr. c. }	1,260
Bank of Bengal	40,000	90	all	10 pr. ct.	1,200
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,150
Commercial	{ 1,000 }	100	{ 100 }	6 p.c.	90
Bank of India.	{ 15,000 }		{ 75 }		
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	50	all	3 pr. ct.	80
Chartered Mercantile	40,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£20 1-2
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-10-0	£671
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12 1-2	8 pr. ct.	
SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.					
Ahmedabad Advantage	70	1,000	900	Nil	
Alliance	1,000	1,100	all		205
Anglo-Indian	1,340		0	Nil	22
Asser Voorjee Mill Ltd.	In all 2000 Shares of which 1002 have been allotted.	Rs. 500 each	Fully paid up	Rs. 25 12 1-2	nom.
Aurangabad S. & M. co., Ld.		1,000	1,000	60	
Balaxy S. & W. Co., Ld. (Bellary)	971	65	all	9 per ct.	1,000
Bezar Manfg Co., Ld	2,750	550,000	200	12 1-2	185
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	90	500		500 dvdRs 20	425
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co., Ld	360	1,000	1,000	...	90
Bombay Native Manfg. Co., Ld	600	1,000	1,000	dvdRs. 8	300
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs. 8	
Bombay Woollen Manfg. Co. Ltd	650	1,000	1,000	10 per ct.	1,000
Central India Mills	1,000	500	500	dvdRs. 50	1,060
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs. 3	435
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs. 2½	550
Coimbatore S. and W Co. Ld.	6,000	100	100	9 pr. ct.	1
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	Rs. 10	390
Coorla Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs. 2	300
Dharamshey Mills	80	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 60	600
David Mill	1,400	500	500	dvdRs 3	190
Dhulia Ginning and Pressing Co., Ld.	1400	250	all	dvdRs 2	235
Dinsa Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	140
Empress	2,100	500	500	Nil	260
Framjee Petit	1,200	1,000	1,000	Nil	280
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	Nil	240
Hutheesing Manufacturing Mills	700	500	500	4	670
Howard and Bullough's	1,500	500	500	50	500
Hope Mills	600	1,000	1,000	30	450
Hydari Mills	600	1,000	1,000	30	1,220 xd
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Nil	160
India Manfg.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd 30	440
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld.	700	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 50	500
James Greaves,	1,100	500	500	25	450
Jaffer & Co.	600	500	500	dvdRs 20	220
Jamsetjee Manufacturing Co.	1,800	250	250	Nil	125
Jeevanlal Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	375
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld.	6,430	1,000	1,000	2	200
Kaiser-i-Hind	7,500	1,500	1,000	dvdRs 50	680
Khangam Manfg. Co.	1,000	250	250	65	500 xd
Khatao Makanjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 25	400
Leopold	2,500	100	100	dvdRs. 5	150
Lord Reay Mills	445	1,000	1,000	30	300
Lakmidas Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	515
Madhavji Dharamsey	356	1,000	1,000	Rs 100	2,600
Maganmoreo	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	75
Mahboob Shah Mills Co.					
Mahomedbhoy Currimbhoy Mills	3,400	500	500	pr ct.	
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	vd 60	1,880
Mohanlal K. Parekh & Mfg Co. Ld.	300	100	100	dvdRs 15	1,260
Muirgin Gokuldass	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 15	1,320
Mysore S. & M. Co., Ld	4,050	250	250	dvdRs 15	200
Madura Mills	1,770	100	100	Nil	
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	pa. 52
New Oriental	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs. 2	120
Oriental	5,725	500	250	dvd Nil	10
Phoenix Spinning Mills Co.(Ld).	2742	1,	1,000	dvdRs 5	578
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs 50	540
Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	700
Sassoon Spinning Mills	1,250	500	500	Nil	500
Sassoon	1,50	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 20	500
Shahaji Mills	50	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 75	1,725
Soonderdas	75	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	325
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil	100
Southern Maharatta	1,212	250	250	dvdRs 12½	255
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,200	250	250	Rs. 15	225
Standard Mills Co.	1,000	500	500	15	130
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	600
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	dvdRs 22½	535
Sassoon and Alliance	3,000	500	500	dvdRs 20	295
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	500	1,000	1,000	50	
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 20	250
Vaishnav Lakhmishanker Mill Co. Ld.	800	500	500	dvdRs 40	410 xd
Victoria Mills	250	1,000	1,000	Nil	2
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 50	225
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co., Ld.	1400	50	all	dvdRs	35
Wadia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	81	
RAILWAY COMPANIES.					
G. I. P. R. Consolidated Stock	...	£100	...	...	...
B. B. & C. I. R. Co. New £12	...	£10	...	...	...
Ahmedabad Prantej Ry.	500	500	...	4 pr. ct.	507½
Tapti Valley Ry. Co.	500	500	...	4 pr. ct.	477½
PRESS COMPANIES.					
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	125	1,300 xd
Albert Ginning Co.	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	410
Allied Manufacturers Assn.	200	1,100	1,100	Rs. 80	725
Bhownagree City Press & Manfg. Co. Ld	167	1,000	1,000	dvd 14 x	15
Bombay Cotton Broach Cotton Press Co., Ld.	550	250	250	25	275
Bombay Native Manfg. Co.	1,000	125	125	Nil.	75
Broach City Press Co., Ld.	600	200	200	dv Rs 20	200 xd
Colaba	500	200	1,500	Nil	315
Commercial Press	1,28	1,00	1,000	125	1,325
East India Cotton	350	1,00	1,020	dvd Rs 9	60
English Press and Manfg.	400	200	...	dvd Rs 9	630
Examiner Press	150	8,300	500	dvd Rs 20	300
Fort Printing Co.	300	500	50	dvd R 40	510
French	...	...	...	...	...
Harvey and Sabaonjee	450	450	500	dvd Rs 35	340 xd
Hingoli Press Co., Ld.	700	100	100	Rs 17	133 xd
Kanagunta	240	400	400	dvdRs 80	675 xd
Mahavir Press Co., Ld.	300	200	all	15 pr. ct.	215
Mahomedan Cotton G. and P. Co., Ld.	200	500	500	55	55
Mercantile	600	125	125	dvd Rs 5	60
Mofussil Co.	125	400	400	dvd Rs 3	392
Munmar M.	000	25	all	dvd Rs 20	180
New Berar	00	500	500	dvd Rs 50	490
New Indian	00	125	125	dv Rs 12½	142
Prince of Wales Sahapathy (Bellary)	100	500	00	20	165
Rast Goftar Press Co., Ld.	37	200	all	1	9
Volkart	...	000	...	Rs 80	
MISCELLANEOUS.				Half-yearly	
Alcock Ashdown	1,750	100	100	dvd Rs 5	175
Bank of Baths	500	50	50	12	35
Badham Pile Foundation	5,000	100	100	12 per ct	144
Bombay & Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	500	375	6,500
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Novelty Theatre, Banvard's Star Vaudeville Company.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 31m. Sun sets, 5h. 30m. High water, 4-15m., 0-2s. Low water, 11-36m., 11-34s.

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POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Lamu, Mombassa, Tanga, Dareselam, Zanzibar, Ibo, Chindi, Mozambique and Beira per s.s. Saltan, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 12 p.m. to-morrow.

NIGHT-BLINDNESS.—An inquiry was held on Saturday, at the J. J. Hospital, by Mr. Turner, the coroner, on the body of Bhagsiloo Gopal, a mill-labourer, aged about forty years. The deceased resided at Sewree Road. Bhagsiloo had been for the last two months suffering from night-blindness. About three weeks ago deceased awoke at 4 o'clock in the morning and went out on to the verandah, when he accidentally missed his footing and fell on a *sigree*, which contained fire. His clothes caught fire and his left forearm was severely burnt. Some household remedies were applied to the burns and he remained home for two days. On the third day his friends removed him to the J. J. Hospital, where the burns were dressed and he was detained under treatment. He showed signs of improvement for three days. On the 9th instant fever set in, he became exhausted and died on Friday evening. The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from exhaustion consequent on severe burns, accidentally received.

KILLED BY A BULLOCK KICK.—On Saturday afternoon, one Louis Pereira was driving a bullock-cart along Kamatipoora 5th Street, from east to west, when Bhagoe, a girl about five years of age, came out of her house and attempted to cross the street in front of the cart. The driver called out to her, and the girl began walking in the side of the bullocks. Suddenly one of the bullocks kicked her and she fell between the bullock and the wheel on that side. The driver immediately pulled up and deceased [illegible]. The unfortunate girl gave one scream after her removal and was then speechless. She was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where it was found that three of the ribs on the left side had been fractured. The girl never came to herself again and died a few minutes after admission. Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry in the evening at the Hospital, regarding the death of the deceased. The mother stated that the child took a piece from her brother and was going to buy something to eat, when the accident happened. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

FALL IN A FAINT.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, on Saturday, at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, touching the death of Sonaram Payaji, aged about thirty years, a policeman, attached to L Division of the Bombay Police Force, and residing in the Police Lines at Byculla. The deceased had been in the Bombay Police Force for the last seven or eight years. He took ill as a head of the Head Police Office. About half-past 9 o'clock on Friday morning Succaram was standing on the steps of the western staircase, conversing with another policeman, who was on the verandah. Suddenly the deceased fainted and fell backward, striking his head against one of the side-walls of the steps. When picked up he was unconscious and bleeding from a wound at the back of the head. He was conveyed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where it was ascertained that his skull had been fractured. He never regained his consciousness and died the same evening. The deceased always enjoyed good health, and was never heard of having a fit before. The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from fracture of the base of the skull, the result of an accidental fall while in a faint on the steps of the Head Police Office.

ALLEGED DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR.—At the Esplanade Police Court, on Saturday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Acting Second Presidency Magistrate, Constable Humphreys charged Mr. Frank H. Kerrigan with disorderly behaviour. Mr. Hugh Sealy, pleader, prosecuted. Inspector Hamilton stated the accused came to him on the 26th instant and asked him for an invitation to the police dance, which was to take place that evening. Mr. Hamilton, who was the Secretary of the Bombay Police Club, refused to do so on the ground that the dance was intended for the members of the police force and their families only. On the following morning he received a letter from accused challenging him to name a time and place where they could discuss the affair without interruption. Inspector Hamilton showed the letter to the Commissioner of Police, who told him to treat the letter with contempt. On Friday evening the accused met him at the Bandstand, used insulting language and hustled him about. The accused denied having hustled the police officer, and called Mr. Edwin Rogers, an assistant in Messrs. Ralli Brothers and Mr. H. A. Monis, a barrack sergeant, as witnesses who said they saw accused speaking to Inspector Hamilton, but there was no hustling. The accused was warned and discharged.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours, ending at 6 a.m., on Saturday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague, Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	8	2	12
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	17	4	40
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Famaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao Khumbharwada	14	2	31
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	5	4	20
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	20	5	62
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	1	1	14
G Mahim and Worli	3	2	14
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	36	44
Total	68	45	237
Same date last year	22	12	90

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague, Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	9	8	13
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	11	5	40
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Famaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	13	6	43
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	4	2	15
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	15	9	62
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	4	0	19
G Mahim and Worli	1	1	13
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	24	42
Total	60	55	247
Total plague deaths to date	61,576	53,871	
Same date last year	16	16	95

DAMAUN.

On Monday, the 18th instant, a Doobli of Vadi-Fall, in Lower Damaun, died of plague. On Wednesday, Kalia Khambats, also of Vadi-Falia, died of plague. On the same date, Coover, wife of Gola Kalian Khoobhali, of Golvad, in Lower Damaun is suspected to have died of plague. On the 21st inst., Isabai Ismail, a Mahomedan girl of 14 years, of Kharewadi, also died of plague. On the 22nd inst., Mariam Suliman, a Mahomedan female of about 40 years, residing at Kharewady, died of plague within 24 hours of the attack. Dead rats still make their appearance in Kharewadi and Vadi-Falia, where a few persons are lying attacked with plague. At Dholer, in Upper Damaun, where plague of a virulent type broke out in January, 1898, and again in January, 1899, when by order of the late Plague Commissioner, Dr. Virlio Pinto, the village was completely evacuated and thoroughly disinfected, small-pox has broken out, and the Health Officer, Dr. Menezes has procured vaccine and is to vaccinate the people of Dholer on the 24th inst.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 22nd December, 1899.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m, 2 p.m. 6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deer. Fah.	inches 29·967
Temperature of the Air	degrees 78·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer	67·8
Dew Point	62·4
Relative humidity of Air	59·6
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	0·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 2 a.m.) next day	degrees 86·1
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	69·7
General Directions of wind	ENE, NE, WNW, NW, NNW, NNE.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours	miles 206

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

FEROZEPORE-BHATINDA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 25th November, 1899, on 54·36 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated).	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,500	3,400	..	6,900
Or per mile of Railway	64	63	...	127
For previous 23 weeks	80,424	1,07,887	...	1,88,311
Total for 23 weeks.	83,924	1,11,287	..	1,95,211
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	..	..	..	..
Per mile of Ry. do.	..	..	..	..
Total to corresponding date do.	..	..	..	..

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Abdur Rohoman, Mr
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Bastin, Mr
Bot-her, Miss
Bond, Maj
Bows, Miss
Brown, Capt
Brownlow, Capt Mrs and infant
Bolsher, Major
Brooks, Mr
Barlow, Lt
Clarke, 2nd Lieut
Casserly, Lieut
Douthorne, Capt and Mrs
Ewers, Miss
Evans, Mr and son
Fisher, Capt
Green, Mr
Gill, Miss
Gray, Capt
Huff, Mr
Hiffmann, Miss
Hodgson, 2nd Lt
Hasled, Capt
Haste, Mrs, child and inft
Johnstone, Capt
Longhurst Miss
Lawton, Mr and 2 Misses
Morris, Maj
Molvaney, Capt and Mrs
Moins, 2nd Lieut
McCormack, Mrs and child
Moyer, Miss
Oldham, Capt
Routh, Lieut G
Ronny, 2nd Lieut
Smyly, Mrs
Savage, 2nd Lieut
Volkare, Mrs
White, Miss

FROM MARSEILLES.

Bolleau, Capt and Mrs
Blair, Mr and Mrs
Bany, Mr and Mrs
Burton, Maj
Bruce, Mr
Browne, Mr
Chalmers, Mr and Mrs
Chotzner, Mr
Corbett, Capt
DeMaurier, Viscount and Viscountess
Desai, Mr
Forbes, Mr and Mrs
Fraser, Capt
Fotheringham, Mr
Gibson, Mr
Hall, Mr
Hyde, Lord
Hill, Mrs
Harris, 2nd Lieut
Hewett, Commdr and Mrs
Heron, Mr
Jamieson, Mr
Ingsford, Mr
Koleral, Mr
King, Mr
Leonard, Mr
McKaig, Dr
Morling, Mr and Mrs
Oates, Mr and Mrs
O'Brien, Mrs
Osborne, Capt
Plast, Capt
Pritchard, Mr
Power, Mr
Radcliffe, Mr
Ravenau, Count De and Countess
Sands, Mr
Stavordale, Lord
Shand, Mr
Scott, Mr and Mrs
Stafford, Mr
Wilmot, Mr
Walsh, Mr
Wombell, Mr

FROM ISMAILIA.

Sisson, Mr D, Mrs, Miss Stephenson, Mr and child

FROM BRINDISI.—Kirkland, Mrs and Miss.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CANDY.)

OWNER OR MORTGAGEE.

MAHAMAD SALYA WALAD SHEK ALI HURJUK
VS KAJI MAHAMAD WALAD KAJI KUTBUDIN.

THIS was a second appeal from a decision of Mr. M. B. Tyabjee, District Judge of Thana, in appeal No. 62 of 1898. Mr. M. Y. Bhat appeared for Taniram, original plaintiff and appellant; and Mr. M. B. Chaubal represented Gajanan, original defendant No. 3 and respondent.

Mr. Justice Parsons, in giving the court's decision, said:—The claim by the District Judge of Section 93 of the Transfer of Property Act and of the ruling in the case of Nandram vs. Babaji, I. L. R., 22 Bom., 771 is in no way relevant to the present case, as they apply only to a suit for redemption. The suit in the present case was one for sale, and the decree ordered that Gajanan should pay to Taniram within 6 months from its date Rs. 92 and that, in default Gajanan's right of redemption would be foreclosed and Taniram would be at liberty to sell the property. The decree was dated 27th July 1895. No money was paid and on the 27th July 1898 Taniram asked for an order absolute for sale. On the 11th October 1898 Gajanan asked to be allowed to pay into Court the amount of the decree. The Subordinate Judge thought the payment too late and refused to accept it. The District Judge thought that "until the decree was made absolute Gajanan had a right not only to pay the decreed amount, but to apply for extension of time for payment." No doubt this would be so, if either Section 87 or Section 93 of the Transfer of Property Act applied. We cannot, however, apply either of those sections, but must apply Sections 88 and 89 of the said Act. This being so, when the money was not paid within the appointed time and Taniram applied to the Court for an order absolute for sale, it was obligatory on the Court to pass an order that the property be sold; and it had no power to postpone the day appointed for the payment. For this reason we reverse the order of the District Judge and restore that of the Court of first instance with costs on the respondent throughout.

HINDU FEVER HOSPITAL.

A PUBLIC meeting of the Hindu community of Bombay was held at the Framjee Cowasjee Institute, on Saturday evening, for the purpose of recognising in a suitable manner the services rendered to the Hindu Fever Hospital by Dr Govind Balaji Kher, for three years, as Honorary Chief Medical Officer of the Hospital.

On the motion of Mr. Tribhowandas Munguldas Nathubhai, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranade was voted to the chair.

Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna opened the proceedings by giving a history of the Hindu Fever Hospital in the course of which he dwelt upon the services rendered by Dr. Kher as well as other gentlemen to the Hospital, and appealed to the Hindu community for more funds in view of the fourth impending epidemic.

The Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas Damodar Thackersi moved the following resolution :—"That this public meeting of the Hindu community of Bombay has great pleasure in publicly appreciating the disinterested and valuable services rendered to the Hindu Fever Hospital by Dr. Govind Balaji Kher, as its Honorary Chief Medical Officer, in which capacity he has worked continuously during the last three epidemics with conspicuous zeal and ability."

The resolution having been seconded by Mr. Janardhan Gopal and supported by Mr. Hari Sitaram Dixit, was put to the vote and carried.

Mr. Vithaldas Damodar Thackersi Mulji moved the second resolution :—"That this meeting takes this opportunity to present to Dr. Kher through its chairman, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranade, a gold watch and chain, as a small token of its heartfelt appreciation of his unique services to the Hindu Fever Hospital."

Rao Bahadur Chandubhoy G. Desai having seconded the resolution, and Mr. Sundernath D. Khote supported it, it was carried.

The chairman then presented Dr. Kher with a gold watch and chain and with other gifts from his patients.

Dr. Kher thanked the meeting for their kind appreciation of his services, and in the course of a lengthy speech impressed upon them the necessity of having a permanent Hindu hospital in Bombay.

Captain Cuppage, District Plague Officer, who was also present at the meeting, bore testimony to the good work done by the Hindu Fever Hospital and the ability and zeal with which Dr. Kher had discharged his duties.

The proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON SATURDAY, THE 23RD OF DECEMBER, 1899.

SUMMARY.

With the exception of a brisk rise at Deesa and Jamnagar, the pressure changes have again been small. The distribution is somewhat irregular, and the baric gradients are moder

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THE Bombay and Persia S N Co's s s Mohammadi, 251 tons, Captain J F Griffin, sailed on Saturday, for the Persian Gulf, with a general cargo, and 40 deck passengers.

THE Hansa Line s s Stolzenfels, 1,853 tons, Captain G Streefkerk, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Hamburg (9th November), via Blyth and Antwerp, with a general cargo and Mr L Collins as a passenger. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Glade and Co.

THE B I S N Co's s s Dwarka, 759 tons, Captain J W Livingstone, sailed on Saturday, for Karachi, with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mr C G Philimore, Mr H P Dewer, Mr F J Parrott, Mr R W Everest, Mr J S Elmore, Mr F Elmore, Mr O C B Winchester, and 65 deck.

THE Bombay and Persia S N Co's s s Henry Bolokow, 639 tons, Captain H B Baker, which arrived in harbour on Friday evening from Bearch 10th December, via Bushire and Veraval, brought a general cargo, and 46 cases opium, 45 horses, 28 sheep, and 25 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Dumra, 762 tons, Capt E C Russell, arrived in harbour on Saturday, from Karachi, 21st December, with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mr J J Tooth, Lieut-Col Swaine, Mr J D Framjee, Mr J Damsie, Mr S Advani, Mr Smith, Major Maxwell, Mr and Miss Handle, Miss E Walker, Mr Monkton, Mr Pinthory, Mrs and Miss Framjee, Mr B D Menwalla, Mr J D Menwalla, Mr Poohaji, Mr H A Chota, Mr P A Mistry, and 72 deck.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Dec. 23,

Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
Satlej		Weston			P & O Co
Unity	936	Hansen			Hornby & Co
Booldiana	2143	Croft			M M & Co
Bengo	462		Portuguese Gun Boat		
Chusan	2332	Street			P & O Co
Nizam	2011	Eliot	Calcutta		F Morrison & Co
H M S Lapwing		Lambert			Royal Navy
Investigator		Heming	Wet Basin		R I M S
P Sinfall		Findall	Wet Basin		I G T S
Nairung	2041	Bullock			T Morrison and Co
H M S Pomone		Simons	Dock		Royal Navy
Pekin	2623	Hayward			P & O Co
Crusader	2085	Finan			A Montechoff
Pemba	986	Martyr			M M & Co
Culna	1464	Hill			M M & Co
Goa	1217	Gimblett			M M & Co
Simla	1663	Bamber			M M & Co
Peninsular	3047	Wheler			P & O Co
Dimra	762	Russell			M M & Co
H Bolokow	639	Baker			B & P S N Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—DECEMBER 23.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
A	Horatio	2081	Croft	Antwerp	4-1	F Muir
B	Clan Macdonald	3113	Harrison	Marseilles	9-1	F M & Co
C	Naderi	1163	Hansen	Singapore	27-12	B & r S N Co
D	H Castle	2359	Jackman	Marseilles	2-1	W & A G & Co
F	Sultan	1781	Bohnsack	Zanzibar	26-12	F Heyer
G	Benfleet	1731	Malony	Colombo		M & Co
K	Stolzenfels	1933	Scueiling	Hamburg		Glade & Co
M	Arethusa sp	1198	wilson	Calcutta		W & A G & Co
N	Safari	805	Hoy	Zanzibar		F Heyer
O	Wagner	2326	Gibson	London	5-1	B & P S N Co
Q	Pemba	987	Martyr	[illegible] Gulf	11-1	M M & Co

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Ponani	552	Fakeer	Bhownagar	3-12	Sphrd & C

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
1	H Rubattino	2044	Simperite	Genoa	5-1	F Baldovino
2	Okhla	3136	Rickford	Rangoon	28-12	M M & Co
3	Imperator	2220	Morovich	Trieste	1-1	A L S N Co
5	Bengal	2720	Barcham	China	31	P & O Co
7	Oriental	3685	Jephson	Aden	6-1	P & O Co
9	Kohinur	1935	Corran	Calcutta	23-12	T M & Co
13	Den of Airlie	2279	Jarvis	Hamburg	6-1	M M & Co
12	Muke Maru	2319	Kawamura	Japan	28-12	N Y Kaisha
16	Bisagno	1509	Maganzin	China	1-1	F Balduino

*Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 44·7s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba meantime, or 8h. 8m. 44·7s of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
23	Stolzen s	Streefkr	Hamburg, Nov 9.
	Dumra s	Russell	Karachi, Dec 21.
	Peninsular s	Wheler	Aden, Dec 18.
	Fazilka s	Goss	Calcutta, &c.
	Gulf of Trinidad s	Duncanson	Kurrachee, Dec. 21.
24	M. Prince s	Penrice	Novorossisk, &c.
	Kerbella s	Manwaring	Calcutta, Nov. 21.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
23	Chupra s	Cruess	Chittagong.
	Trieste s	Mitis	Kobe, &c.
	Lindula s	Stewart	Rangoon.
	Shannon s	Wibmer	Aden.
	Dwarka s	Livingstone	Karachi.
	Mohammadi s	Griffin	Persian Gulf.

The steamer Peninsular, entered for loading on Saturday for London, &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 23.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Hornby Castle s—200 cwt cair yarn, Mooljee Hurridas; 2,015 cwt myrabollams, Arjoon Khimjee; 72 bales wool, Nanjee 40 bales wool, R Nanjee; 60 bales wool, M Mooltanchand.

FOR GLASGOW.

Hornby Castle s—2 bales woollen carpets, Ewart Latham and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Peninsular s—8,301 cwt bonemeal, Croft Mody and Co; 259 bales hemp, Kiddle Rees and Co; 225 cwt oilbanum, Aljibhoy Chapoo and Co; 46 bales hides, W and A Graham and Co; 4,709 lbs Indian tea, Grindlay Broom and Co; 12 casks Indian condiments M Punjajee and Sons; 72 bales hides, and skins, Hajee Ismael Aba; 47 bales hides and skins, R Munchenjee Keeka; 650 cwt buffalo horns, S Rahimtoola; 342 cwt oilbanum, 22 bales skins, M Jaffar; 22 casks Indian condiments, N R Jusawalla.

Wagner s—100 bales hemp, Heerjee Govindjee.

FOR NEW YORK.

Peninsular s—16 cases Indian condiments, N R Jusawala.

FOR ANTWERP.

Wagner s—5,434 cwt castor-oil, 497 cwt myrabollams, 9,646 cwt teaseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR HAMBURG.

Den of Airlie s—6,000 cwt bone pieces, R Kaderbhoy.

FOR HULL.

Horatio s—2,000 cwt myrabollams, W Kipp.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Hornby Castle s—3,894 cwt teaseed, 4,000 cwt castorseed, Ralli Brothers; 103 cwt gum, Volkart Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperator s—1 bale carpets, P Pre-Leuba and Co; 200 cwt gum, Volkart Brothers; 253 bales cotton, Gadlum and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Imperator s—1,000 cwt castorseed, Ralli Brothers; 350 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

FOR NAPLES.

R Rubattino s—200 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

FOR GENOA.

R Rubattino s—150 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

Clan Macdonald s—200 bales cotton, Gadlum and Co; 200 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Bisagno s—100 bales cotton, Mahomed Hajee Essac Elias; 372 cwt sundries and 22 cwt fishmaws, R Dhunji and Co.

Pekin s—100 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 300 bales twist, Talati and Co; 100 bales twist, H Mcollanchand.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Bengal s—150 bales twist, P E Mody; 32 bales twist, Framjee Sons and Co; 230 bales twist, D Dhunjeebhoy; 13 bales piece goods, J A Begbie and Co; 100 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co; 7 bales twist, J A Begbie and Co.

Pekin s—200 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Pekin s—100 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR KOBE.

Pekin s—40 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers; 600 bales cotton Dinshaw D Currance and Co; 800 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

Muke Maru s—1 bale cotton, E D Sassoon and Co.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 25th December, 1899.

1. Leave of absence has been granted to Lieut F J Parrott, from 23rd December 1899 to 28th February, 1900, both days inclusive.

2. The following member having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to "F" Company:—No. 285 Volunteer E T Gordon.

3. The following Extract from District Orders is published for information:—

Drill Instruction:—Infantry Drill, Section 167 Para IX is published for information and strict compliance:—He is to remain motionless unless for purposes of better observation he is obliged to move. An out-post sentry standing up and down can see little, and hear little, but the sound of his own feet. Such a practice is obsolete and is forbidden.

By Order,

P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,

Adjutant, B. V. R.

GOLD AND SILVER.

THE following are imports and exports of gold and silver during the official year, 1899-1900:—

In the month of October, 1899.

	Gold. Rs.	Silver. Rs.	Total. Rs.
Imports	1,15,18,472	1,74,38,419	2,19,56,891
Exports	30,99,791	45,26,191	77,25,982
Net Imports	84,87,681	54,02,2 8	1,42,50,909

To the end of the month of Oct., 1899, Progressive.

	Gold. Rs.	Silver. Rs.	Total. Rs.
Imports	4,93,65,8 2	6,11,32,109	11,04,97,931
Exports	1,51,12,135	3,91,98,491	5,43,10,626
Net Imports	3,42,53,684	2,06,33,618	6,48,87,305

Silver received and coined in the mints during the official year 1899-1900:—

COINS AND BULLION RECEIVED (ASSAY VALUE.)

	Calcutta Rs.	Bombay. Rs.	Total. Rs.
In the month of Oct., 1899	21,724	1,07,42,394*	1,07,67,118
To the end of the month of Oct., 1899 (Progressive)	35,32,816	3,76,46,017	4,11,78,833

COINED AND EXAMINED.

	Calcutta. Rs.	Bombay. Rs.	Total. Rs.
In the month of Oct 1899	9,14,006	92,12,218	1,01,56,224
To the end of the month of Oct. 1899 (Progressive)	21,88,020	3,43,88,463	3,65,76,483

* Of which Rs. 1,06,01,225 represent bullion received for the coinage of British Dollars.

INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

Week ending 16th December, 1899.

Description.	1899.	1898.	Inc. for the week.	Dec. for the week.	Aggregate Inc.	Aggregate Dec.
Miles Open	1,130	988	...	...	...	...
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Passengers	45,469	43,781	1,688	...	88,164	...
Parcels, &c.	1,77,532	67,8	1,09,770	...	5,23,799	...
Goods						
Other earnings	4,449	8,551	...	4,102	8,492	...
Total for week	2,27,550	1,20,194	1,07,336	...	...	...
Aggregate	24,46,457	27,23,302	...	...	7,18,155	...

THERMOMETER READINGS.

SATURDAY.—DECEMBER, 23.

10 p.m. ..... 74·3

SUNDAY NIGHT.—DECEMBER, 24.

6 a.m. ..... 71·3
10 a.m. ..... 82·3
2 p.m. ..... 86·1
6 p.m. ..... 80·1

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 23.

THE Christmas Holidays began on Saturday, and business in Bombay was to a great extent suspended. What little passed was of a casual kind and marked no change.

The following is a statement of the arrivals of various growths of cotton at Bombay from 1st January and from 1st October.

Growths.	Total to date (in Bales) since January 1st 1899	1898	October 1st 1899	1898
Khandeish	332,543	358,451	34,691	45,313
Barsee and Nugur	127,343	91,067	7,018	6,385
Berar	495,545	506,418	41,513	125,646
Total Comras	1,005,430	953,936	83,221	177,344
Hinguaghat	11,241	10,611	1,611	1,836
Dhollera	310,378	312,554	28,450	31,339
Broach	138,983	156,357	18,410	2,262
Compta & Dharwar	153,914	86,620	12,371	9,792
Westerns	16,713	24,551	564	4,828
Bengals	350,267	238,920	129,041	25,503
Sind	14,280	16,050	5,901	317
Persian	1,541	804	1,347	65
American	5,791	6,691	3,652	733
Egyptian	7,016	4,809	3,502	94
Other Sorts	862	417	843	3
Total	2,016,419	1,815,920	279,914	288,016
Cotton Waste, Fly and Droppings (from Europe)	...	...	4,084	...

Friday's arrivals of Produce in Bombay were as follows:—

Cotton	5,835 bales.
Wheat	21 cwts.
Linseed	225 ,,
Rapeseed	250 ,,
Gingelly Seed	28,457 ,,
Poppy Seed	583 ,,
Ground nuts	36 ,,
Castor Seed	735 ,,
Rice	58,907 ,,

The following produce was entered for Export on Friday.

Cotton	8,457 bales.
Wool	205 ,,
Linseed	10,044 cwts.
Rape Seed	1,400 ,,
Gingellyseed	57,298 ,,
Castor Seed	2,000 ,,
Poppy Seed	4,001 ,,
Country Twist	6,550 bales.

Consols were stronger in London on Friday and recovered to 93 1-2 with the Sterling-Loan at 106 and Government Securities 3 1-2 per cent. [illegible] French Rentes were at 102 1-4 with Paris Exchange at London at 25·39, Indian Exchange, thirty days' sight, remaining unchanged. There were withdrawn from the Bank of England some £100,000 for South America, Bar Silver was at 27d. in London and 58 5-8 cents in New York, where Exchange on London was 4·87 1-2.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed Steady on Friday with Manchester firm. Surats were dull. The total sales of the day were some 10,000 bales. Spot Middling Americans were unchanged, forwards being—

Dec.	4·10
Dec.-Jan.	4·8
Jan.-Feb.	4·6
March April	4·2
Apr.-May	4·1

Egyptian Fair Brown was 6 3-4d. and Fair Coconadas 3 5-8.

The Liverpool weekly Cotton Report shows:—

Total Weeks Sales	60,000 bales.
Total Sold on Speculation	1,000 ,,
,, ,, for Exports	2,000 ,,
,, Amount forwarded to consumers	85,000 ,,
,, Actual Exports	8,000 ,,
,, Week's Imports	69,000 ,,
Total Stock	7,03,000 ,,
Stock of Surats	3,000 ,,
Afloat American	1,70,000 ,,

Friday's New York Telegrams report:—

Day's Receipts of Cotton at U. S. Ports	35,000 bales.
Days Exports to Great Britain	8,000 ,,
,, ,, France and Continent	10,000 ,,
Mid Uplands	7 9-16
Futures, Month of March	7·20
,, ,, June	7·29
Weeks Receipts of Cotton at U. S. ports	217,000 ,,
Weeks Exports to Great Britain	66,000 ,,
,, ,, to Continent of Europe	83,000 ,,
Stock of Cotton at U. S. Ports	1,120,000 ,,
,, ,, ,, Interior Ports	780 000 ,,

Saturdays Telegrams show the total visible supply of Cotton to be 3,990,000 bales of which 35,000 bales East Indian. The total Stock in London is 2,000 bales and the total quantity in sight 5,520,000 bales.

There were paid into the Bank of Bengal on Saturday £125,000.

London telegraphs that there are Holidays till Wednesday.

New York shuts down till Tuesday for Christmas festivities.

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 19th December, as compared with the statement of 12th December, 1899:—

LIABILITIES.	December 12. Rs.	A.	P.	December 19. Rs.	A.	P.
Capital paid-up	2,00,00,000	0	0	2,00,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund	95,00,000	0	0	95,00,000	0	0
Public Deposits, &c.	1,16,34,482	2	3	1,23,18,703	6	10
Other Deposits, &c.	5,53,95,454	0	1	5,74,49,268	11	11
Bank Post Bills, &c.	1,17,523	11	4	1,09,107	12	8
Sundries	28,99,035	14	0	29,44,361	5	7
	9,95,97,365	12	8	10,28,02,470	3	6

ASSETS.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Government Securities	39,08,282	0	0	37,58,380	0	0
Other authorised Investmts.	81,36,363	0	0	84,94,443	0	0
Loans on Govt. and other authorised Securities	2,11,91,421	1	3	2,04,84,791	13	1
Accounts of Credit do.	2,15,01,691	7	0	2,2 83,111	9	7
Bills discounted, &c.	1,31,04,264	15	3	1,40,71,951	0	7
Balances with other Banks	14,26,884	2	7	19,82,857	10	11
Bullion	4,843	10	7	4,813	10	7
Dead Stock	13,22,872	1	2	13,21,985	15	2
Stamps	8,060	2	10	8 922	9	3
Sundries	16,28,720	12	4	16,35 893	13	0
Cash, &c., at Head Office	1,16,76,115	4	10	1,20,71,614	3	5
Do. at Branches	1,58,76,047	1	10	1,58,41,277	7	1
Rs.	9,95,97,365	12	8	10,28,02,470	3	6

LIABILITIES.	Rs.
Government Balance at Head Office	2,48,512 Inc.
Do. at Branches	3,15,811 Inc.
Other Deposits	21,52,834 Inc.
Post Bills	42,584 Inc.

ASSETS.	Rs.
Bank's Investments	2,47,948 Inc.
Loans	7,11,633 Inc.
Accounts of Credit	11,84,413 Inc.
Mercantile Bills	9,67,570 Inc.
Cash at Head Office	3,98,9 3 Inc.
Do at Branches	9,85,2,0 Inc.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th December, 1899, on 461 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	36,000	2,45,000	4,000	3,45,000
Or per mile of Railway	208	531	9	748
For previous 22 weeks of half-year	19,55,693	46,52,559	53,612	66,5 ,24
Total for 23 weeks	20,51,093	48,97,559	57,612	70,06,264
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	36,869	2,08,029	11,932	3,06,827
Per mile of Ry. do.	189	451	25	666
Total to corresponding date do.	17,11,466	36,15,519	84,371	54,11,356

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 38,173
Ditto to date ..... ,, 15,94,908

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

(Includes the Rajputana, Holkar, Sindia-Neemuch, Rewari-Bhatinda and Cawnpore-Achnera State Railways.)

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th December, 1899, on 1,645·86 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,04,000	4,80,000	7,000	5,91,000
Or per mile of Railway	63	292	4	359
For previous 22 weeks of half-year	23,82,297	76,29,855	1,62,847	1,01,74,999
Total for 23 weeks	24,86,297	81,09,855	1,69,847	1,07,65,999
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,22,000	3,10,093	4,455	4,37,148
Per mile of Ry do.	73	185	3	261
Total to corresponding date do.	28,23,671	49,21,518	1,47,032	78,97,021

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 1,33,852
Do. to date ..... ,, 28,68,378

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th December 1899, on 141·14 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,900	20,300	60	23,550
Or per mile of Railway	28	144	..	167
For previous 22 weeks of half-year	75,029	3,19,409	3,958	397,696
Total for 23 weeks	78,929	3,39,709	3,958	421,346
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	3,968	19,128	37	23,133
Per mile of Ry. do.	25	136	..	164
Total to corresponding date do.	81,945	3,63,199	3,985	447,716

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 417
Decrease to date ..... ,, 26,369

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

(THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.)

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BUCK—December 18, at Rawalpindi, the wife of Lieutenant C H Buck, Punjab Commission, of a son.

HUMPHRIES—December 16, at Saidpur, the wife of H Humfress, Executive Engineer, of a son.

LINDESAY—December 17, at Mhow, the wife of Major E Lindesay, The Royal Irish, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

McLEOD—WHARTON—December 5, at Holy Trinity Church, Allahabad, by the Rev T Russell, Ronald Mac Donald, Etawah, N-W P to Annie Eliza, third daughter of the late Thomas Wharton, of Tmarwar Factory, Allahabad.

DEATH.

HURLEY—December 10, at Umballa, Whilemena Josephcen (Minna), second daughter of the late Conductor Hurley, Ordnance Department, aged 21 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Bombay Gazette

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1899.

THE Mussulmans and Parsis of Guzerat are exhaustively treated in the twelfth volume, Part II., of the Gazetteer of the Bombay Presidency, just published. The large part of the volume devoted to the Mussulmans is contributed by Khan Bahadur Fazalullah Lutfullah Faride, Assistant Collector of Bombay, under the supervision of Sir James M. Campbell, who has added numerous notes. The second part treating of the Parsis of Guzerat is the joint work of the late Mr. K. N. Seervai, Collector of Income Tax, Bombay, and Mr. Banaji B. Patel. To-day, we shall briefly review the salient facts set forth in the careful, and perhaps too detailed chapters dealing with the Mussulmans of Guzerat. They are to be classified broadly as the Mussulmans of foreign origin and Hindu converts, won over to the faith of Islam by the preaching of missionaries or by the sword. Arabs were so numerous in B.C. 150, that the Hindu inhabitants conformed to the Sabean religion, which until the Mahomedan era was held by the natives of the great northern Peninsula, and seemed to absorb the Jews and Christians at a later period. The first Arab military expedition was sent to India in A. D. 636, by the Governor of Bahrein, without the sanction of the Kaliph Omar. Fortunately the expedition was successful and returned in safety to Bahrein. The Kaliph thus addressed the Governor:—"Thou hast planted the worm in the wood, but by Allah! had any of my men been lost, I would have killed an equal number from thy tribe!" Omar was prejudiced against military expeditions and India from what he had heard of the difficulties of the march of an army to India through Karman. When Omar sent a Governor to the newly-founded Bussorah, he told him:—"I am sending thee to the land of Al-Hind, as Governor, but remember it is the field of the fields of the enemy." India was described to Omar by an Arab traveller as a remote land of rebellious infidels. The Governor of Bahrein sent two fleets to the Gulf of Cambay in A.D. 636. A hundred years later, Broach was attacked, and some years afterwards the Kathiawar coast was invaded. In A. D. 724, Arabs penetrated to Junagarh, and occupied a hill, possibly Girnar. It seems not unlikely that this invasion was from the north, the Arab conqueror of Sind probably carrying his raid as far as Ujjain. After these military expeditions came traders—trade follows the flag!—from the Persian Gulf and settled permanently in the cities of Guzerat. These were encouraged to settle and trade by the Rajput rulers of Anahilavada, who allowed them to practise their religion, build mosques, and make converts. These were mostly made amongst townsmen and traders. The Mohamedan Sultans of Ahmedabad preferred to convert—partly by persuasion, partly by force—the sturdy villagers, wherewith to strengthen their armies.

The parts of Guzerat being the Gates of Mecca for the pilgrims to that city from Persia, Central Asia and Khorassan, many Mussulman families settled in Guzerat on their return from the holy places. Four of the Hadjis founded the city of Ahmedabad. Most of these pious settlers sought service as soldiers, and the Sultans who opposed the Mogul Emperors, notably Akbar, had Turks and Abyssinians in their armies. The cavalry in A. D. 1514 was composed of Turks, Mamelukes, Arabs, Persians, Khorassans and Turcomans—all splendid material of the best fighting races. Others came from Delhi and some from Guzerat. Naturally, according to the ideas of the time, the Mohamedan rulers made vigorous efforts to compel the Hindus to adopt the creed of Islam. The earlier missionaries, men of learning and ability, had won over, even in the eleventh century, large numbers of the Hindus, one especially, who founded the sect of the Shiah Borahs, in A. D. 1067. Five centuries later, Hindus were not permitted to ride on horseback, and those that went on foot had to wear a badge. The Emperors Jehangier and Aurungzeb, the Sultans being overthrown, were cruel persecutors. The latter, when Viceroy of Guzerat, defaced the temples and forbade the worshippers to enter them. The discontent thus created led to his recall. The foreign Mussulman element was essentially military, and disdained trade. The converted Hindus won over by the missionaries, when Arab merchants were welcome by the Hindu kings, learned to trade and are the most resourceful, enterprising and adventurous traders in all India to the present day. The Khojas and Borahs are to be found in Central Asia, Persia, Massowah, Suakin, Zanzibar and South Africa—where British Colonists and the Boers equally dread their competition, and vie with each other in devising measures to suppress them. The Germans in the regions made over to them in 1890 are no less oppressive. But in spite of all discouragement, they settle and trade and thrive where their jealous rivals would starve. The Guzerat Mussulmans of foreign blood, Sayads, claiming descent from the Prophet Ali and Fatima, whose ancestors flocked into Guzerat from Arabia, Turkey, and Central Asia, as religious teachers, soldiers, and adventurers, number some 36,000. They are honest, truthful and sober, but are idle, pleasure-loving and thriftless. They have a saying, "If we have money, we are lords, if we have none, we are beggars; if we die we are saints—pirs." Some are rich, but for the most part their thriftless habits leave them poor. The Sheikhs, numbering nearly ninety thousand, are to be found all over the province. The title Sheikh—Elder—which they claim, belongs of right only to three branches of the Koraish tribe. They are the descendants of local converts as well as of foreigners. They are more careful of their money than other Mahom

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE LOSS OF BRITISH GUNS AT COLENSO.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

It is now certain that the British guns abandoned at Colenso were captured by the Boers, as also was Colonel Bullock and a number of men of his regiment (the Devons).

GENERAL BULLER'S INTENTIONS.

It is generally believed that General Buller is quietly preparing for a fresh attack.

THE POSITION AT MODDER RIVER.

Lord Methuen meanwhile is stationary, hoping that the difficulty in the matter of provisioning their forces will oblige the Boers to attack him.

APPREHENSIONS AT CAPETOWN.

Considerable apprehension exists at Capetown that the rebellion now begun may become widespread throughout Cape Colony owing to our late reverses.

THE ANTI-BRITISH FEELING IN THE GERMAN PRESS.

Notable articles have been appeared in several German papers deprecating the vehemences of the anti-British feeling displayed in the German press, and warmly praising our troops and the dignified calm of England.

DEPARTURE OF LORD ROBERTS.

Lord Roberts had a most inspiriting send-off at Waterloo Station to-day.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Wolseley, Sir Donald Stewart, Lord Lansdowne, and Mr. Balfour were present to bid him farewell.

The din and cheering were terrific.

Lord Roberts looked well in health and sailed from Southampton this evening.

THE TUGELA LOSSES.

A corrected list of the Tugela casualties states that Lieut. St. L. Gethin was wounded and not a prisoner. Lieutenant Butler is not missing and Lieutenant Gryllis, Royal Artillery, is wounded.

NEWS FROM MODDER RIVER.

BOERS ENVELOPING OUR CAMP.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Reuter wiring from Modder River on the 17th instant, states that the Boers are gradually extending their wings round our Camp.

A balloon ascent made that morning thoroughly surveyed the Boer positions on the left.

THE SITUATION AT STORMBERG.

ALL COUNTRY TO THE NORTH IN ARMS.

A despatch, dated Sterkstroom 16th instant, states that the Boers have increased there since General Gatacre's reverse at Stormberg.

All the country to the north of Stormberg is now in arms.

LORD KITCHENER ACCOMPANIES LORD ROBERTS.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

By order of the Government the Dunottar Castle, which takes out Lord Roberts will call at Gibraltar on the way out and pick up Lord Kitchener.

LORD ROBERTS BIDS FAREWELL TO THE QUEEN.

Lord Roberts had his farewell audience of her Majesty the Queen to-day, at Windsor, and it is believed the scene was very affecting.

The inhabitants of Windsor gave General Roberts an enthusiastic reception.

THE CITY CORPS COMPLETE.

The City Corps of Volunteers for service in South Africa is already complete and hundreds of applicants have had to be refused.

SAFETY OF WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Mr. Winston Churchill has arrived safely at Delagoa Bay.

THE POSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.

The London correspondent of the "Pioneer" cables December 23rd:—

The following appears in the "Times" London:—

Sterkstroom, 17th December.—The enemy is still inactive although considerably reinforced since our reverse at Stormberg. No doubt the Boers are concentrating all their available forces in the hope of capturing Kimberley. This accounts for the lack of enterprise elsewhere.

Capetown, 17th December.—Cablegrams received here show that the gravity of the situation is fully realised in England. It is hoped reinforcements will not be delayed, but that Seventh, Eighth, and perhaps even Ninth and Tenth Divisions will be mobilised and despatched together. It is useless to send troops in dribblets, merely to fill gaps caused by reverses. The danger does not lie in the purely military situation. The Boers' fighting line is very thin, and a single success might crumple it completely.

The indications are that the Boers' position at Magersfontein is untenable in the long run. The defence of the Tugela can hardly leave a sufficient force for the effective investment of Ladysmith. The real danger is of a rebellion in Cape Colony, which would make the area of war so vast that an additional 50,000 troops would easily be swallowed up in maintaining the enormous length of communication.

Hitherto General Gatacre's reverse seems to have produced no effect, but it is impossible to judge whether the disloyal Colonists are not strong enough to provoke a concerted rising, or whether the present quiet is only a lull before the storm.

Meanwhile everything is being done to organise the efforts of the loyal Colonists to police their own districts.

The progress of the campaign ought to be convincing that even if the war was not precipitated by President Kruger's obstinacy yet the growing power of republic and the spread of disloyalty would have made a Boer invasion irresistible.

MILITARY SECRETARY TO LORD ROBERTS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.

It is reported that Sir William Nicholson goes to South Africa as Military Secretary to Lord Roberts, Sir William Ellis, from Peshawar, acting for him as Adjutant-General, India.

ORDERS TO PROCEED TO SOUTH AFRICA.

The 16th Lancers have received orders to proceed to South Africa.

MORE INDIAN TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The rumours which have been current for some time as to the sending out of more troops from India to South Africa evidently had some foundation, as on Saturday afternoon orders were received by the Dockyard authorities to prepare for the immediate transport of a regiment of cavalry and 2,000 horses with stores. The authorities immediately secured the Nairung, Lindula, and Zilaka, and the Lindula is already in the Prince's Dock. It is expected the first vessel will be ready to sail on Thursday, though the regiment ordered to the front is not yet known.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

DEATH OF THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The death is announced of the Duke of Westminster.

The Duke of Westminster was one of the wealthiest persons in the world. His claim to fame, however, merely lay in his wealth and the fact of his having been a Derby winner on several occasions. His Grace, who was the second son of the second Marquis of Westminster, was born in 1825 and was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford. He sat in the House of Commons for Chester from 1847 to 1868. In 1869 he succeeded his father and five years later (1874) was created a Duke. He was Master of the Horse during Mr. Gladstone's second Administration (1880-85), but in 1886 he went over to the Unionist camp and remained there. The Duke, as is well known, was a great sportsman and owned several renowned horses. He won the Derby no less than four times—in 1880 with "Bend Or," in 1882 with "Shotover," in 1883 with "Ormonde" and this year with "Flying Fox." Eaton Hall, in Cheshire, is probably the most palatial residence in England, but the Duke's great wealth arose from the fact of his owning vast properties in London which made him rich automatically.

THE MAIL.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The Bombay Mails of the 9th instant, arrived at Brindisi, to-day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

The following changes in the Bank of Bengal are added:—Mr. H. Gray acts as Agent at Rangoon, vice Mr. Lemon proceeding on leave; Mr. E. J. Birch acting as Agent at Bombay, vice Mr. Gray, while Mr. Dunzar, from leave, officiates as Deputy Secretary, vice Mr. Birch.

Commander St. L. Warden and Sub-Lieutenant C. E. Edmonds, Indian Marine, have been granted one year's leave each.

THE MISHMI EXPEDITION.

The Mishmi Expedition has commenced to move into the Mishmi country. The reconnaissance party is now thirty miles beyond Bainjur, and Colonel Molesworth is pushing up supplies. The country is very cold and parts are covered with snow.

THE NIZAM'S VISIT TO CALCUTTA.

H. H. the Nizam arrived at Calcutta this afternoon by special train, and was met at the station by Sir Chichele-Plowden, Mr. Wood, Foreign Under Secretary, A.-D.-C. from Government House, and local officials, the escorts being furnished by the 14th Bengal Lancers and a company, with band and colours, of the 4th Bengal Infantry. A large number of State carriages were in waiting to convey the various members of the party to the houses taken for his Highness, in Theatre Road, the Nizam himself going in one of the Government house carriages, Sir Chichele Plowden and the members of the Staff and zenana ladies following. There was a large gathering of natives to see the arrival, and some cheering took place along the line of route in Howrah. The display would no doubt have been greater, but for the trains arriving nearly an hour after the appointed time.

NEWS FROM CALCUTTA.

H. H. the Nizam leaves Calcutta on New Year's day.

The Viceregal State ball takes place here on the 9th January.

The Bishops of Madras and Lucknow are expected here about the 12th January, staying until the 22nd.

MILITARY NEWS.

Lieutenant Elwes, E Battery, R. H. A., Kirkee, is ordered to proceed to South Africa to join the 6th Divisional Ammunition Column.

Captain Banks, D. A. A. G., Belgaum, has been granted eight months' leave home, Captain Randolph, Station Staff Officer, officiating, and Captain Copeman, Essex Regiment, acting for Captain Randolph.

GENERAL TUCKER'S STAFF.

Major Lumley, 1st Middlesex Regiment, has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to General Tucker in South Africa.

LORD SANDHURST IN CALCUTTA.

Lord Sandhurst and party arrived in Calcutta this morning and are the guests of the Viceroy.

THE DISTRESS IN CENTRAL INDIA.

SIHORE, Dec. 23.

A correspondent sends the following message:—Crowds of famine refugees from Marwar, Rajputana, and Gujerat, finding relief works in Malwa closed against outsiders, are desirous of finding their way into British territory to escape starvation. Prompt organised relief in Malwa itself is urgently needed for these wanderers.

A NEW GINNING AND PRESSING FACTORY.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

JALNA, Dec. 24.

The opening ceremony of the Godavery Valley Ginning and Pressing Company's Factory was performed by Mr. Jehangir Bomanjee Patil, in the presence of a large assemblage of merchants and friends. After turning out the first cotton bale, the assembly partook of light refreshments, and wishing success to the Company, dispersed.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Farquhar, left here for Colombo, Madras and Calcutta, this afternoon.

ADEN, Dec. 22.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Masora left here yesterday evening.

HONGKONG, Dec. 23.

The P. and O. Company's s.s. Massilia arrived here from Bombay, this morning.

The P. and O. Company's s.s. Coromandel left here, this afternoon, for Bombay.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Surats dull.

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The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	98 1-2
3 per cent. Rentes	99 1-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	105
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers	62 1-2
Bar Silver	27

Thesum of about £100,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England for S. America.

SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE.

It is rumoured (says the London correspondent of the "Leeds Mercury") that the new Governor of Bombay will not leave England as plain Sir Stafford Northcote. As a rule, the Queen is naturally averse to creating Peerages in anticipation of services to be rendered, but there are, of course, exceptional cases—that of Lord Curzon being one of them—in which it is desirable that a public servant appointed to a high position should be invested with greater social dignity than the possession of a knighthood or a baronetcy gives. Lord Harris's successor would probably be able to command greater respect as a Peer than as a Baronet in a country where social rank counts for much. Sir Richard Temple, however, filled the post with distinction for some years, he being, in fact, the first to break through the absurd tradition that the head of the Presidency should be a military man. At the present moment a particularly strong Governor is wanted to put down the unrest which is painfully manifest in Western India, and to assist the Bombay Government in extricating itself from serious financial difficulties.

MILITARY NOTES.

Captain Darell, 3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade, has applied for permission to resign his commission.

The following Royal Artillery officers, now on field service in South Africa, have been posted to the batteries in India noted below, but they will not join until they can be relieved:—

Major Askarth, on promotion from P. Battery, R. H. A. to the 72nd Field Battery, Bellary.

Captain May, on promotion from the 7th Field Battery to the 55th Field Battery, Saugor.

Captain Nevinson, on promotion from the 4th Field Battery to the 16th Field Battery, Kirkee.

Captain Gillman, from the Horse Artillery section of the Ammunition Column to the 25th Field Battery, Bangalore.

Lieutenant Graham, 22nd Punjab Infantry has been appointed to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Gurkhas.

Captain J. Philipps, 5th Gurkhas, is appointed to officiate as Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master General for Mobilisation, vice Major Mullaly, on field service in South Africa. Captain Kenny, who has been officiating, acts as Asistant Secretary in the Military Department.

The issue of Lee-Metford rifles of a special pattern to Indian Volunteers is expected to take place next year.

The danger of the introduction of plague into South Africa was long ago recognised by the authorities, and every possible measure was adopted to prevent it. The Natal Government borrowed the services of a Medical Officer from this country to advise them in regard to this matter; but with the commencement of the war it is to be feared that the disease must be left to take its chance of invading the country. Lourenço Marques, the port of Delagoa Bay, is known to be infected, cases having undoubtedly been imported from Goa, with which a considerable traffiic in goods and coolies is carried on. Refuges from the Transvaal in large numbers have been pouring into Capetown and Durban by sea from Delagoa Bay, where they have been exposed to the overcrowding and insanitary conditions which favour the spread of the disease; and as the sea voyage only takes four days, or less than the maximum period of incubation, the risks of its introduction are very great. Once the disease is established in either of these sea ports it can only be a question of time for it to make its appearance in the field. The authorities in German East Africa are keenly alive to the danger, and orders have been issued that all German subjects along the border of Portuguese territory are to be inoculated.

On the 15th instant a gang of 20 men from across the border raided the village of Landour, in the Peshawar District, and succeeded in carrying off 930 sheep belonging to Khanai Yaman Tor and Marwat Ghilzis. A party of villagers sallied out and pluckily attempted to recover the animals, but were repulsed by the raiders, who being well armed eventually got away with their loot.

THE CALCUTTA WEEK.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The whole of the Government of India is now assembled in Calcutta and the season bids fair to be an unusually full one. The reception accorded to Lord Curzon on his arrival in the City of Palaces from tour on 18th December, had less of pageantry about it than on the same occasion last year. It was nevertheless an imposing ceremony, while the gathering at Government House was rendered more formal than before owing to the appearance of the majority of the higher Government officials in the uniforms recently appointed for them. Prim and imposing they looked in the severity of black and gold, many of them donned for the first time, and a trifle tight in the back and confining under the waistcoat, but a very proper array, and suitable in a country where ceremonial counts for so much. The Nizam of Hyderabad is expected here on Saturday, the Maharajah of Kapurthala, and the Sultan of Johore have already arrived. The great native potentates of this side of India, including the Maharajah of Cooch Behar, and the Maharajah of Tagore, are assembled. The Governor of Bombay and the Resident of Nepal will be here next week in time for Cup Day on the 26th, while amongst others of our distinguished visitors are Prince Henry of Reuss, Lord and Lady Louth, Lord Elibank, and Admiral Fremantle. H. M. S. *Eclipse*, flagship of the East Indian Station, is in port. The Dallas Theatrical Company holds the Theatre Royal, while Harmston's circus is on the Maidan, both performing to crowded audiences.

To-morrow is to be the first of the two levies, while the drawing-room is on the 29th, the Annual Civil Service dinner on the 30th, and a number of the usual public school dinners about the same time. This custom of holding old boys' dinners seems to be growing in Calcutta, the old Rugbeians, old Carthusians, old Cheltonians, old Haileyburians, old Alleynians, old Cliftonians, old Wykehamis's, old Uppinghamians, all advertise gatherings this year. There is also to be a Fettisian-Lorettonian dinner, all designed to bring men together whose ordinary paths in life are separate from each other.

The race course is the centre of attraction at the moment, the Cup horses being a very fairly level lot this year and though Merloolas has it all its own way in the betting, it is safe to say that Tuesday next will see a great struggle for the blue ribbon of the Indian Turf.

Of dances the annual State Ball and the Belvedere Ball are already being talked about, while the Saturday Club have commenced their weekly series, and the charitable ladies of Calcutta have organised a fancy dress ball on a large scale, in aid of that deserving charity, the Women's Friendly Society. Several very enjoyable dances also have taken place and a little later on the usual series at Government House will no doubt begin. The assembly dances which were once a feature of the Calcutta cold weather have fallen through this year owing, no doubt, to so many other things going on at the same time.

The Calcutta Cricket Club have had an occasional game, and the golf club season has commenced. Up to the present, however, there has not been anything very exciting in the way of matches. Polo, too, will come into prominence a little later on. At present there is really no time for it.

A meeting of the Viceroy's Council has been called for to-morrow, but the business is entirely formal, and the serious work of the Session will not commence until after the holidays.

THE CALCUTTA RACES.

FIRST DAY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

The first day of the Calcutta meeting commenced on Saturday when the attendance was large, numerous visitor from Bombay, Madras and Northern India being present. The Viceroy and Lady Curzon did not attend, but Government House was well represented.

"The Hastings' Plate," Rs. 3,500, out of which the second horse will receive Rs. 500, and the third Rs. 200. Hurdle race for horses. W. A. and C. (1 3-4 mile scale) raised 14lbs. Penalties—Winners, after 31st March, 1897, of a hurdle race value Rs. 1,000, once 7lbs., twice 10lbs.; oftener 14lbs. Winners after the above date of one or more hurdle races (value as above) of the aggregate value of Rs. 5,000, 7lbs. in addition to other penalties. Distance—R. C. and a distance over seven flights of hurdles.

Mr Apear's Simon, 10st 3lbs.	Burns 1
Maharaja of Jodhpore's Hiran, 10st 10lbs	T Scott 2
Maharaja of Jodhpore's Baron II, 10st 3lbs	Morrison 3

Won by lengths. Short head between second and third. Time—3 minutes 25 seconds.

"The International Pony Stakes." Rs. 4,000, out of which the second pony will receive Rs. 500, and the third Rs. 200. For ponies, 14 hands, to carry 8st. 10lbs. W I Penalties—Winners, after 31st March, 1897, of a race value Rs. 1,000, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs; oftener 10lbs. Winners after the above date of one or more races (value as above) of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,000, 7lbs. and of Rs. 7,000, 14lbs., in addition to other penalties. Allowances—Arabs and C.B.'s 28lbs.; Australasians 7lbs. Distance—3-4 mile.

Mr Rodocanachi's Bit O's Lady, 9st 6lbs.	Norton (Dead) 1
Mr Dodgson's Seaweed	Gibbs (Dead) 2
Maharaja of Jodhpore's Pansy, 8st 5lbs.	W Southall 3

Dead heat; two lengths off was Pensy. Time—1 min. 18 2-5 secs.

"The Malden Pony Stakes." Rs. 1,500 out of which the second pony will receive Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 1,000. For C. B. ponies 14 hands, Arab ponies 13-3, and other ponies 13-2 and under, which were maidens on the 31st March 1899. C. B.'s 14 hands and Arabs 13-3 to carry 9st. 7lbs, other ponies 13-2 to carry 9st. 2lb. W. I. Penalties—Winners, after 31st March, 1899, of a race value Rs. 500, once 4lbs.; twice, or of a race value Rs. 1,500, 7lbs.; three times, or of a race value Rs. 2,500, 10lbs. Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr J B's Lady Yetman, 9st 12lbs.	Greenhalgh 1
Mr Milward and Aga S Shah's Kezia, 8st 11lbs.	Southall 2
	Ebrahim 2
Maj of Jodhpore's Tight Rope, 9st	W Southall 3

Won by two lengths. Time—1min. 7 1-5secs.

"The Trial Stakes." Rs. 4,000, out of which the second horse will receive Rs. 600, and the third Rs. 200. For horses. W. A. and C. Allowances—Horses which have never won a race value Rs. 1,000 7lbs. Maidens 12lbs. (not cumulative). Distance—1 mile.

Kour Saheb of Patiala's' Cherry, 9st 3lbs.	Gibbs 1
Mr. DeSoysa's Merloolas, 9st 3lbs.	Trahan 2
Col Deeraj Ur's Leonidas, 9st 3 lbs.	Pugh 3
Sultan of Johore's Toxteth, 9st 3 lbs.	Calder 4

Betting: Evens Merloolas; 4 to 1 Strathory; 6 to 1 Cherry; 7 to 1 Moth; 8 to 1 each Vanitas Vedette, 20 to 1 Leonidas and 30 to 1 Toxteth and Forest.

Also ran: Vanitas, 9st. 3lbs., Vidette, 9st. 3lb.; Strathroy, 9st. 3lbs.; Moth, 9st. 3lbs.; Forest 8st. 11lbs.

Forest and Vedette led the field to the half mile when Cherry drew to the front, and maintaining the lead came in winner by two-and-half lengths from Merloolas, with Leonidas third.

"Elienbrough Stakes."

Mr Gal Gregory's Heather Honey, 8st 4lbs.	Sharples 1
Maharaja of Patiala's Hughie, 8st 10lbs.	Southall 2
Maharaja of Patiala's Alan, 9st 2lbs.	Robinson 3

"The Paddock Stakes." Rs. 2,500, out of which the second will receive Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 100. A handicap for horses which have never won a race, value Rs. 2,000 upwards. Distance 1¼ mile.

Mr Millward and Aga S Shah's Allie, 9st 11b.	Ebrahim 1
Sultan of Johore's Ninepins, 9st 2lbs.	Calder 2
Kour Saheb of Patiala's Pope, 7st 7lbs.	Gibbs 3

Won by two lengths. Time—23 min. 1secs.

PRESIDENCY PLAGUE RETURNS.

The cases of plague and deaths therefrom reported to Government, during the week ending 15th December, were as follows:—

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bombay	278	191
Karachi	5	4
Poona (including Cantonment).	1	2
Districts.		
Ahmedabad	1	1
Surat	44	31
Thana	28	23
Nasik	9	10
Poona (excluding City)	60	51
Satara	82	82
Sholapur	213	183
Ahmednagar	20	16
Kolaba	4	5
Ratnagiri	78	36
Belgaum	129	98
Dharwar	239	210
Bijapur	82	72
Kanara	1	0
Karachi (excluding City)	2	6
Hyderabad (Sind)	0	7
Political Agencies.		
Kolhapur	306	281
Cutch	4	2
Baroda territory	2	2
Sachin	0	1
Akalkot	9	3
Aundh	5	4
Bhor	20	23
Savanur	7	6
Total	1,651	1,355
Week ending Dec. 8	1,558	1,243
Total to date	361,726	283,908

Panch Mahals, Kaira, Broach, Khandeish, Shikarpur, Upper Sind Frontier, Thar and Parkar, Kathiawar, Mahi Kantha, Rewa Kantha, Palanpur, Savantvadi, Dharampur, and Janjira have been free from plague during the week.

THE LANSDOWNE STATUE IN CALCUTTA.

The Committee of the Lord Lansdowne Memorial Fund have received an intimation from London that it will be impossible to ship the statue of Lord Lansdowne, for which a site is now being prepared on the east side of the Red Road, in time for its erection during the present cold season. The Committee, as the public have been made aware, have been confronted with special difficulties in connection with this statue. Mr. Harry Bates, A. R. A., the sculptor of Lord Roberts' statue, who was entrusted with the commission, unhappily died in February of the present year while the work was in progress. The Committee, however were enabled to meet the contingency created by this sad occurrence through the kindness of Mr. Onslow Ford, R. A., a sculptor of the highest repute, who most kindly and disinterestedly undertook to superintend the completion of the statue on the death of his friend Mr. Bates Mr. Ford quite expected that he would have been able to complete the work well within the present year, but has been unable to do so owing to pressure of his other engagements. The statue may now be expected to arrive about August next, and the Committee have no reason to doubt that it will be ready for unveiling in the early part of the cold season of 1900.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Dec. 8.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN AND HIS TRIPLE ALLIANCE SPEECH.

Quite a storm has been raised in the United States and Germany, as well as in England, by Mr. Chamberlain's second Leicester speech, in which he spoke of a triple alliance, between Britain, Germany and the United States. The Conservative *Pall Mall Gazette* said:—"Taking all things into consideration, we cannot help feeling that, on this occasion at all events, Mr. Chamberlain would have been better advised to maintain a golden silence." The *St. James's Gazette* was still more candid. "A word of warning," it said, 'is necessary to prevent misunderstanding. Mr Chamberlain is not Foreign Secretary; what is more he is not—in the old-fashioned sense of that very much misused word—a diplomatist." The "Daily News," Imperialist as it is and admirer of Mr. Chamberlain's South African policy, hurried to protest:—"There is nothing that makes us wish so much to hear Lord Salisbury as a speech on foreign politics from Mr. Chamberlain . . . There was a strain of exaggeration and effusiveness in Mr. Chamberlain's speech which will not assist the cause he has at heart . . . The new diplomacy, it seems, is everything by turns, and at each turn is unrestrained in the declaration of its emotions." The "Times," in its first leading article, observed: "The comments of American, German, and French newspapers upon his speech at Leicester can hardly come as a surprise to Mr. Chamberlain, since, if due allowance be made for difference of standpoint, they are extremely similar to the criticisms he has already heard from his own countrymen. In this country we are fully aware that Mr. Chamberlain's training has not been that of a diplomatist: at home we make allowance for all this, and, knowing that Mr. Chamberlain has never disturbed that unbroken harmony which, as the Lord Chancellor took pains to assure us on Thursday evening, has reigned in the Cabinet ever since its formation, we quite understand that the policy he is supporting is the policy of Lord Salisbury and of the whole Government, however strongly his language may bear the impress of his own idiosyncrasy. But we regret such individualities of expression because other nations cannot be expected to bear these things in mind, or to take the pains to reconstruct Mr. Chamberlain's mental attitude by carefully collating those passages which offend them with others in which important qualifications are to be found." The New York correspondent of the "Times," Mr. Smalley, cabled home that "Seldom has any speech by any English minister friendly to America provoked such a storm of dissent in America as Mr. Chamberlain's at Leicester." He quoted the remarks of the "New York Sun," "Tribune," and "Times" and concluded that "I need not multiply quotations for they are all of one tenor." The *New York Herald* says that Mr. Chamberlain talks through his hat, and compares him to M. Deroulede and the German Emperor, inasmuch as he has an equal capacity for meddling and muddling. What the situation needs, says the writer, is more wisdom from Lord Salisbury, and less Jingoism from Mr. Chamberlain. Abuse of the Boers and of their sympathisers, vaunting of British righteousness, and threats of annihilation to the Dutch Republics will not justify England in the opinion of those who condemn her policy. Mr. Chamberlain's language is more likely to beget serious consequences than the attacks of which he complained. Neither Lord Salisbury's Government nor Englishmen can afford to countenance utterances of such a character. As for Americans, sympathy with the Boers or distrust and disapproval of Mr. Chamberlain, have nothing to do with the readiness of the United States to protect its trade whether with China or England, whose prosperity concerns the United States materially—a readiness quite independent of like or dislike of England. This is something which mere signatures could not put into any Treaty, and which cannot be altered by any man's acts. According to Mr. Smalley who is no enemy of Mr. Chamberlain the want of fervour concerning England in President McKinley's address to Congress is due to the mere stir of disassociating himself from the British Colonial Secretary. The *Standard* gives in a leading article what may be regarded as a fair etimate of the latest expression of opinion in Germany and the United States. It says our foreign critics "continue to devote a great deal of attention to Mr. Chamberlain's Leicester speech. There is a consensus of opinion that the Colonial Secretary went too far when he talked of a Triple Alliance even though he was careful to explain that nothing in the nature of a formal engagement was intended. The tone and temper of the repudiation vary in different capitals. In Germany there is obviously an increasing disposition to regard the idea itself with approval, though it is contended that the expressions employed were wanting in Diplomatic reserve." Several German newspapers, official and semi-official, which cannot be called Anglophile, are discovering that a general understanding between the Teutonic and the Anglo-Saxon Powers would be in many ways extremely advantageous to the interests of all the parties concerned. Even if sentimental considerations are dismissed—and our German friends are almost needlessly anxious to protest that sentiment is not business—the economic relations between the three countries are peculiarly close and intimate, and are certainly not likely to diminish. In this connection it is worth noting that Count Goluchowski, the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs, addressing the Hungarian delegation on Saturday, laid special stress on the "old and undisturbed friendship" between the Dual Empire and Great Britain. In the United States the reception of Mr. Chamberlain's observations may be described as mixed. While there is every desire to strengthen the growing amity between the two English-speaking countries, there is a certain nervousness among many American journalists, lest the Union should be hurried with undue haste into the ravelled complexity of European politics. The Washingtonian warning against entangling alliances is not wholly forgotten, and even those Americans who accept the new Imperial *role* on which the Republic has entered are not quite prepared for the conclusions to which Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Choate have given, perhaps, too definite a shape.

THE CRITICS ON MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S THREAT TO FRANCE.

Mr. Chamberlain's threat—alluding to the grossly insulting French caricatures of her Majesty the Queen—that unless the French people minded their manners the consequences might be serious has naturally aroused the feelings of our neighbours and is generally condemned by the more sober portion of our own community. Lord Rosebery uttered a significant protest at Edinburgh on Saturday. He is as everyone knows *persona grata* at Court and intensely devoted to the "first woman of the world" as he finely described her Majesty; but he thinks it ridiculous to suppose that the "degraded outburst" of such gutter papers as "Le Rire" and "La Caricature" represent the better opinion of France. "I think," said Lord Rosebery, "we have had too much of this flouting of foreign nations. We sometimes wonder why we are unpopular abroad. That is, I think, because we are too much engrossed with our own virtues, and forget that what would annoy ourselves in others equally annoys others in ourselves, and we in the past few years have passed censure on some of the nations in Europe in a way which must give them cause for reflection and no enthusiastic affection for us. We have called one of the most ancient nations of the world a dying nation, we have compared another great empire of the world to the devil, we have hinted that another great empire of the world is less in space than one of our Colonies, and now we think it our duty to tell another nation to mend its manners. I did not say that these sentiments were not right, but it is new for 'our responsible channels' to express them, and he did trust that this career of 'undiplomatic frankness' will cease, because as he reminded his hearers these stinging words remain long after any solace that we can apply to them can endure. I need only briefly refer to "The French articles on Mr. Chamberlain's speech. The "Figaro" says: We may overlook the first impromptu at Leicester, but the second passed all bounds. . . . It is inconceivable that in less than four weeks the English people, after applauding Lord Salisbury at the Guildhall, can acclaim with the same enthusiasm Mr. Chamberlain's violent diatribes against us. The "Petite Republique" observes: "It would be mad and criminal to associate the English people with the 'game,' whose insults would only possess some measure of dignity if they were the prelude of cannon-shot." The "Siecle" which is edited by M. Ives Guyot a real friend of England says: "We indulged in a policy of pin-pricks of ill-natured acts and of words still more ill-natured. Some people were so clear-sighted as to demand an alliance with Germany against Great Britain. This is the result: an agreement between Great Britain, Germany, and the United States." The "Petit Parisien" describes Mr. Chamberlain's speech, as an accumulation of dreams and hollow phrases, and says that he wished to throw dust in the eyes of his audience and to stupefy them so as to avoid being questioned on the defeats of the British Army in South Africa. The "Rappel" observes: "The views of the foreign press and Lord Charles Beresford's speech refuting Mr. Chamberlain's aggressive attacks constitute our only vengeance, and if there is no reason for us to assume more polished 'manners' it is because our manners are different from Mr. Chamberlain's." The "Matin" says: "The role of director of British foreign policy will, perhaps, devolve upon Mr. Chamberlain one day, but as yet it is not his task to explain his policy to attentive Europe. Lord Salisbury, who has already on several occasions had to repair the blunders of his hot-headed colleague, is getting better, and we may therefore expect soon to hear more moderate words than those of his Jingo Minister." A friend of mine who has just returned from Paris tells me that the people who chiefly buy these scurrilous prints are our own countrymen and strange as this may appear it seems to find a certain amount of corroboration by the extensive seizures at Dover of parcels of these wretched productions en route to London. It is satisfactory to notice that the police in Paris are working up and that they have not only suppressed one issue of a certain offending paper but also stopped the sale of a song offensive to England and offensive to England's Queen. The wonder is that they delayed taking measures so long considering that the ministry now in power in France is exceptionally favourable to England, a fact Mr. Chamberlain seems to have forgotten when he let himself go at Leicester. It is only fair to say that some in our midst think Mr. Chamberlain quite undeserving of blame. Sir Lepel Griffin for instance who has always preferred to call a spade a spade regrets that Mr. Chamberlain's frankness and plain-speaking have not been shared or imitated, the last few years, by British representatives at Constantinople, St. Petersburg, and Peking. There are truths which it would be inconvenient for a Prime Minister or a Foreign Minister to utter, but which are wholesome and useful in the mouth of a popular Minister expressing the almost universal feeling of Englishmen.

GERMAN CARICATURES OF THE QUEEN.

It was the very alert Berlin correspondent of the *Times* who was the first to publicly call attention to the equally gross attacks on Queen Victoria in certain German papers. He says:—"There is, unhappily, no doubt that insulting pictures and references to exalted personages enshrined within every British heart have been as common in this country as on the other side of the Vosges. I have sent you private evidence of this fact and could supplement it by still more glaring examples which transcend all the bounds of legitimate caricature of honest fun, and, in some cases, of common decency. There are reasons for believing that these hateful excesses, which are a disgrace to Germany and which, I know, mislead some sections of German opinion with regard to the character and the decisive influence of those whom they dare to assail, will now cease. They injure the German people, not England, because no one in England ever sees or hears of them. But Mr. Chamberlain is in error if he thinks that they have been unknown here." Moreover, as "an old Berliner" points out in the *Times* of yesterday, if one takes into account the relative standing of the French and of the German Press, the former can certainly not be regarded as the worse offender. Papers like "Le Rire" and "La Caricature" are not papers of any repute in France. But the Berlin "Kladderadatsch" occupies in Germany much the same position as "Punch" does in England. Yet it has not hesitated to publish the grossest and, in some cases, the most ribald insults against the Queen, who is the German Emperor's grandmother, and against the Prince of Wales, who is his uncle, at the very time when his Imperial Majesty was their honoured guest in England. The last number of the "Kladderadatsch," dated December 3, again contains a most offensive cartoon. The French Government has at least taken some measures to stop this nuisance. The German Government has taken none. In a country where the letter of the law is strained every day to secure the punishment of even hypothetical "lese-majeste," the tolerance granted at such a moment to that sort of scurrility cannot be ignored. Even more significant than any Press productions is the sale of illustrated postcards with the coarsest caricatures of the Queen, which are allowed to circulate freely by the German postal authorities.

THE MAINE SURGEONS AND NURSES AT WINDSOR.

The surgeons and nurses belonging to the Hospital Ship Maine, which has been subscribed for by a number of American ladies, visited Windsor Castle yesterday afternoon, by permission of the Queen. On their arrival at Windsor they were driven in the Queen's carriages to the Equerries' Entrance. Here Lord Edward Pelham-Clinton received them, and conducted them through St. George's Hall and the various rooms of State, which greatly impressed all. After lunching they were introduced into the Queen's presence by Princess Christian, the Princess Henry of Battenberg being also present. All were introduced by name, both surgeons and nurses, to the Queen, who appeared deeply interested in them. Her Majesty, in thanking them for their attendance, observed:—"I am glad to see you; it is good of you to go and nurse my men." At the conclusion of this interview the visitors were conducted over the State and private apartments. They afterwards drove from the Castle to the Great Park, and after taking tea at Cumberland Lodge, the residence of Prince and Princess Christian, returned in the evening to the Metropolis. The Queen has graciously given a splendid Union Jack to the Maine, which the Duke of Connaught will present in her Majesty's name.

FIRST OF THE WOUNDED ARRIVE HOME.

Already the first batch of our gallant wounded has arrived from the Cape. The sound of the cheers which sped our soldiers on their way to the war had hardly died away before those who had been stricken in the opening of campaign began to arrive. It was not a large batch, being only a handful of invalided soldiers and a couple of badly wounded officers, who were landed from the P. and O. steamer Sumatra in the Albert Docks. She brought to England 131 invalids and a complement of women and children from Durban and Capetown. Says the "Daily News":—"Very few, indeed, of the general spectators waited on the quay as the big ship of 4,607 tons sidled up. A few gloomy and depressed-looking soldiers, wearing their overcoats, and, in some instances, displaying a bit of scarlet underneath, stood amongst lascars and others of the crew and complement. One or two were in the working khaki, and wore the helmet, but the majority were in blue overcoats and caps. From a porthole emerged the head and shoulders of a soldier. He had been at the front, but was struck with dysentery, and sent first to hospital at Maritzburg, thence to Wynburg, and thence in order to make room for the wounded, sent on to Capetown, and on board the Sumatra for home—worse luck! And his was the story of most of the men. They had got to the front, or nearly to

cavalry patrol crossed the river and discovered that the enemy had fled. They visited the Boer entrenchments, and saw the dead lying everywhere. There were also numerous graves where the enemy had buried a number of the slain. The buildings occupied by the enemy were masses of smoking ruins. The column crossed to-day, and is now in full possession of both banks of the river. Our cavalry pursued the enemy for some miles, taking a number of prisoners. Lord Methuen has congratulated the troops on the hardest won victory in our annals of war.

"THE WATERLOO OF THE CAMPAIGN."

Modder River, November 30.—The Waterloo of the campaign has been fought and won. We have given a decided check to the power of the Republican forces.

When the British column had marched up, both sides of the river were found alive with Boers. The Scots Guards on the extreme right marched through the Old Reservoir, and immediately their enemy fled from over a desperate volley was poured into them. A Hotchkiss gun in the possession of the enemy was directed against one of our Maxim guns with marvellous accuracy, killing the sergeant in charge and wounding an officer, and rendering the Maxim useless.

THE CAVALRY IN ACTION.

On the extreme right of the crescent the cavalry and mounted infantry got into action, and the Boers were driven from house to house.

In the meantime a terrible rifle fire was kept up. There was one continuous roar like the explosion of a countless number of crackers.

BOERS FIRING ON THE AMBULANCE.

The ambulance waggons displayed their flags prominently, but did not thereby secure immunity. Time after time they were driven back, and had to take refuge out of sight of the Boers.

The enemy used Dum Dum bullets. They made a mark of every horse on the plain, in the hope of hitting the rider. The stores and houses which the enemy had used for cover were riddled with shrapnel. Some of the buildings had been turned into hospitals, and they were found filled with wounded. No effort had been made to dress their wounds. The trenches were impregnable to rifle fire; it was our superior artillery which won the day.—Reuter's Special Service.

SMART WORK OF THE NAVAL BRIGADE.

Orange River, November 30.—Mr. Walsh of the South African Storage Company, describes a smart piece of work which was performed by the naval brigade at Modder River. Mr. Walsh, who was at the front on business, said that about two in the afternoon about 200 Boers mounted on horses, rode off at a hard gallop on the left of the position. The Naval Brigade, who had been shelling the entrenchments, slewed round their guns with marvellous rapidity and opened fire on the fugitive horsemen. The first shell fell short, and the second too far in front; but the remainder exploded in the midst of the Boers and must have done considerable execution.

A BOER WHO FIRED ON THE WOUNDED CAPTURED.

C. Wilman, of Kroonstad, and Van Heerden, of Bloemhof, are among the prisoners. The latter is the man who, while hidden up a tree, fired on our opperating tents at Modder River.—Reuter's Special Service.

LORD METHUEN'S COLUMN AT MODDER RIVER.

STRONG REINFORCEMENTS DESPATCHED.

The War Office on Saturday received the following telegram from General Sir Forestier Walker:—

Capetown, December 1.—Methuen's flesh wound slight. Remaining at Modder River for reconstruction of bridge. Am reinforcing him with Highlanders and cavalry.

Corps Horse Artillery, Canadian Regiment Australian contingents, and three battalions of infantry have moved up to the line De Aar—Belmont.

A GREAT FIGHT IMPENDING AT SPYTFONTEIN.

Kimberley, December 1.—Everything points to a great engagement at Spytfontein. The Boers are [illegible] peoples there, and their numbers are being continually reinforced. They are working vigorously, piling up stones to serve as screens, and digging rifle pits in every direction. The enemy's redoubts on the Lazretto Ridge are also being extended and strengthened in every possible way, presumably in consequence of our recent attacks. Trooper Nicholas, who was killed on the 28th, arrived at Kimberley on Oct. 18, and immediately joined the Kimberley Light Horse. He subsequently served in six of the engagements. In the fight on the 25th a bullet pierced his waterbottle, and another grazed his leg, ricochetting off a stone. The Boers have behaved well as regards the interchange of dead for which they readily offered facilities. Their commandant remarked, speaking of our fellows' conduct in the fight on the 28th, that they fought very pluckily.

Mr. Rhodes is now employing 1,400 natives at Kenilworth in the construction of his siege avenue which is stretching right out into the veldt. The enemy hitherto have not attempted shelling or molesting the labourers. The Boers this afternoon fired three rounds, all of which fell short, from a cordite gun at the workmen sent out to repair a culvert to the north. The condition of Captain Bowen Kimberley Light Horse, is satisfactory. Lieutenants Lowndes and Bingham, of the North Lancashire Regiment, who were seriously wounded in our first fight at Macfarlane's Farm, are both making good progress. The weather is very warm.—Reuter's Special Service.

The special correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" at Modder River, in a message dated Saturday, says:—The Boers are occupying the kopjes between here and Kimberley. They have received reinforcements from the east, and it is reported that these men have come from Natal. There are many Boer spies about the camp. Some of them came in an ambulance wagon with a coffin yesterday, but the spies were arrested. Our engineers are building a new temporary bridge over the river, as the other has been destroyed. The train transport is working splendidly. Some naval guns with lyddite shells are expected here presently.

LORD METHUEN RESUMES COMMAND.

The following telegram has been received at the War Office from the General Officer commanding lines of communication, Capetown:—

Capetown, December 6.—Methuen wires to-day he has resumed command. He is nightly communication with Kimberley. Health of troops excellent.

FIGHTING AROUND KIMBERLEY.

A BOER LAAGER CAPTURED.

The War Office on Sunday received the following telegram from Sir F. Forestier-Walker at Capetown:—

"Kekewich reports under date 30th of November that Bechuanaland Protectorate Police captured enemy's laager to the west of Kimberley on November 23. Communication by scarchlights with Kimberley from Modder River has been established."

Pretoria, Nov. 25.—The Boer laager at Dirdrpoort was attacked on Saturday by a force of Mounted Police, and the outposts were surrounded while attempting to fall back upon the laager. The fighting still continued when the message left. Mr. Barnard, a member of the Volksraad for Krugersberg, has been killed. Up to the present five burghers have been killed and several wounded. Commandant Delarey reports that fighting was heard to the west of Kimberley this morning.—Reuter.

FOUR BOER REDOUBTS TAKEN.

Kimberley, Nov. 28 (via Modder River, Dec. 2).—A sortie was made to-day with the view of capturing the enemy's cannon placed near the Lazaretto to the west of the town. Our force rushed the enemy's laager, and proceeded to take the redoubts. We succeeded in taking four redoubts, but in the attack on the fifth position the enemy sent a very heavy fire into our men, forcing the Colonel to retire. Corporal Turner and 24 men were killed, while our wounded numbered 26. We captured a quantity of foodstuffs.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL DESPATCHES.

The following telegram has been posted at the war Office from General Capetown to Secretary of State for war:—

Capetown, December 6.—Kekewich sports November 25: Made demonstration down that day towards enemy's main position, South Wimbledon Rifle Range. Turner, with amounted troops, attempted reconnaissance enemy's position from direction Schmidt's Drift road. Engineers had Otto's Kopjes. Turner surprised enemy and rushed his entrenchments at Schmidt's Drift road; 20 prisoners captured. Am reporting casualties in separate telegrams.

The following despatch from the General commanding at Capetown has been posted at the War Office:—

Capetown, Dec. 6.—Details of sortis from Kimberley, November 23. Demonstration towards Wimbledon rifle-range. Enemy's guns on ridge—Spitzkop to Wimbledon siding. Scots-Turner, with mounted troops, attacked enemy's right flank capturing laager and three works. Enemy in fourth work offered stubborn resistance, when Turner was killed. Captured many shells and destroyed other stores. Kekewich reports December 3 enemy's numbers increasing round Kimberley. On December 4 says wounded doing well.

OFFICIAL LISTS OF CASUALTIES.

The following has been received at the War Office from the General Officer Commanding at the Cape:—

Following casualties reported from Kimberley engagement, Nov. 25:—

KILLED.

Cape Police.—Sergeant Jones, Private Corris.
Kimberley Light Horse.—Sergeant Collier, Trooper Willmore, Trooper W. Reiser.

WOUNDED.

1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.—Private J. Walcroft, severely; Private A. Cooper, slightly.

Kimberley Light Horse.—Captain Bowen, Sergeant Major Oatley, Trooper A. Williams, Privates B. N. Cawood, J. R. Gerolhean, E. Gregory, C. Legnard; all severely. Sergeant W. H. Maystone, Privates D. J. Lanigan, Lestar, R. Barron, Corporal A. W. Pritchard, Trooper A. Ring; all slightly.

Kimberley Light Artillery.—Captains Hickson and Mahoney, Trooper C. Skill; all severely.

Cape Police.—Captain Rush, Corporal H. Bailey, Privates T. Carlyle, G. Mathieson, R. S. Davie, G. Parr, D. Odell; all slightly.

The wounded are doing well.

Engagement of November 23:—Cape Police.—Trooper Saikeld died from wounds Dec. 5; Trooper E. Forster, slightly wounded.

The following telegrams have been received at the War Office from the General Officer Commanding, South Africa:—

Following casualties reported from Kimberley engagement 28th November:—

2ND BATTALION ROYAL HIGHLANDERS.

Killed.—Brevet-Major H. S. Turner.

1ST BATTALION ROYAL NORTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT.

Killed.—Colour-Sergeant A. Heald; Private T. Latner.

Wounded.—Lieutenant W. K. Clifford, slightly; Privates H. Lee, slightly; G. Neville, slightly; J. Kenton severely; G. Elkins, severely; T. Tydesley, severely.

CAPE POLICE.

Killed.—Sergeant-Major Brady; Private Williams.

Wounded, slightly.—Troopers J. Taylor, F. Poole, W. H. Grindron N. H. Eddy, C. G. Money, H. W. Hillier.

Wounded, severely.—Troopers F. Arundale, W. G. Spilsbury.

Wounded, dangerously.—Troopers P. Salkeld, J. Howell.

DIAMOND FIELD HORSE.

Killed.—Corporal Howell; Trooper F. D. H. Cornwall, Trooper A. S. Bows.

Wounded, slightly.—Captain S. P. Wallack.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

Troopers H. Gordon, H. F. Stackpoole, D. Shepherd, F. Knight D. Adler.

Wounded, severely.—Troopers Fergus Ferguson, C. Glynn, Sergeant C. W. King.

KIMBERLEY LIGHT HORSE.

Killed.—Lieutenant C. Wright; Troopers Sharpe, H. G. Taylor, Thompson, W. G. Baker, S. L. Nichol, S. Marshall S. Grecch, Hastings, H. G. Harper; one corporal and one trooper not identified. Trooper Dennison. (Regiment not known.)

Trooper J. Keller, died of wounds.

Wounded, slightly.—Regimental Sergeant-Major Macdonald, Troopers F. Richardson, A. Wood, F. F. Powell, F. H. Day, Lieutenant P. S. Watson.

The wounded are doing well.

BOERS ANXIOUS TO EXHIBIT MR. RHODES IN A CAGE.

Kimberley, Nov. 20 (by post to Capetown, Nov. 28).—A terrific storm, which continued throughout the night, has apparently, to use President Kruger's favourite expression, "damped off" the enemy's ardour, as the artillery attack on Kenilworth, which was fully expected this morning has not taken place. Our garrison all stood to arms at 3 a.m. From field-glass observations, the Boers were seen to be busy at Kapersdam, apparently getting along siege gun into position with the object of pitching their shells amongst our herds and cutting off our meat supplies, advices received from native sources state that our men with the long knives got in amongst the Boers near Honey Nest Kloof cutting them to pieces," and also that Cronje, with 3,000 men, is marching down on Kimberley, as he declares he found not men but devils at Mafeking." Mr. Rhodes is in good spirits. He tells me that he was informed by natives, who recently sneaked through the Boer lines, that the enemy were keenly desirous of exhibiting him in a cage at Bloemfontein prior to despatching him to Pretoria.—Reuter's Special Service.

WITH GENERAL GATACRE'S COLUMN.

BOERS GETTING BOLDER.

The Boers on Saturday entered Dordrecht, situated about twenty-five miles from Queenstown. The telegraph line has been cut between Queenstown and Dordrecht, and also between Queenstown and Steynsburg and Maraisburg. All communication with these places is suspended. The rolling stock on the branch line from Sterkstroom to the Indwa collieries has been saved. It is believed that Steynsburg was occupied by the Boers on Saturday. It is reported that the railway bridge over the Theelon River has been damaged by the Boers, who were seen close to Rosmead Junction on Friday. According to the last news to get through from Dordrecht, the Boers entered that place 250 strong. Their commandant's name is not known. It is believed that the local police are safe.

The special correspondents of the "Daily News" at Molteno say that the Boers have repaired all the bridges from Hanning to Burghersdorp, and have captured rolling-stock, which they will use to convey their ammunition and provisions. The enemy are becoming bolder and they have appeared in force at two farms within three miles of Molteno. It is believed that a large meeting of the local Dutch was held there at the same time. The police reconnoitred in force, but the enemy had been warned, and retired. Although the Boers are camped within a few miles of Molteno, the position there is secure.

Telegraphing from Storkstroom, another correspondent of the "Daily News" says:—The Boers show no signs of coming south. A deserter reports that the Free Staters occupy Sorubrg, under Commandant Grobbelaar. The enemy are growing tired of inaction, and may soon show a tendency to retire. Their commissariat is none too good, and they want to fight immediately. Commandant Olivier is reported to have fallen further back. It is believed that the number of Boers at Aliwal North is increasing. The opinion is gaining ground that General Gatacre's advance will be strongly opposed.

RECONNAISSANCE BY GENERAL FRENCH.

The following telegram was received on Saturday at the War Office from the General Commanding Capetown:—

Capetown, December 1, 1899.—Gatacre reports no change in situation. French made reconnaissance from Naauwpoort to Rosmead. Troops returned to-day.

Naauwpoort, Nov. 28.—It is reported from Colesberg that about one-half of the Dutch there who responded to the summons commandeering them for service with the Boers have since withdrawn to their homes. The enemy is not patrolling the district.—Reuter.

Capetown, Dec. 4.—Provisions are scarce at Naauwpoort. The Boers have commandeered the whole of the oat and hay crops of an English farmer at Colesberg.—Reuter.

DISLOYAL CAPE DUTCH.

THE WHOLE NORTHERN BORDER DISAFFECTED.

Herschel, November 27.—Several hundred Boers arrived in the neighbourhood of Barkly East on the 25th. They captured three police, but one of the prisoners subsequently escaped. Police are now stationed at Pairsfontein. Disloyal Dutch stole there whole stock of guns and ammunition at Barkly East before the arrival of the Boers.—Reuter's Special Service.

Reuter's Capetown correspondent says that the continued presence of commandoes, urgently needed elsewhere, in the border districts of Cape Colony, tends to confirm the opinion that the Boers are determined to do their utmost to recruit the Dutch colonials. While it is impossible to obtain exact statistics it is absolutely certain that the Dutch have joined the enemy in great numbers which are still increasing. They are, however, mostly drawn from the younger members of the community. General Buller's message, clearly indicating the punishment for disloyalty, having restrained the actual holders of farms from openly siding with the enemy owing to the fear that they now have of seeing their property confiscated. There are clear proofs that the loyalty of the Border Dutch has been unable to withstand the proximity of the Boer commandoes. The present situation, in fact, more than justifies the statements made before the war regarding Dutch disaffection.

The correspondent of the "Daily News" at the Cape says that the Colonial Boers at Middelburg in Mr. Vanderwall's constituency, are watching arrangements for the reception of the invaders, who, they believe, will visit the town. They are announcing that several English residents are marked men. The seditious feeling is general and unconcealed, and the name may be said to be the case at Durban (Cape Colony), Paarl, Victoria West, Worcester, Wellington, and Malmesbury.

GRIQUATOWN ANNEXED BY BOERS.

Hopetown, Nov. 28.—The local farmers have been passing from this district to the Boer laagers for the past three weeks. The Boers sent a hundred men to Griquatown on the 17th. Their arrival occasioned a scene of great enthusiasm, the invaders being welcomed with every demonstration of joy. Mr. Perry was appointed Landdrost of Griquatown. He read a Free State proclamation annexing the territory. An address of welcome was presented to the Boer commander. Before the arrival of the commando the farmers in the district rode about armed. They robbed a despatch rider of his despatch. An English family which witnessed the robbery was imprisoned for reporting the outrage. The farmer-elected field cornets. The police were robbed, and Inspector Gulliard was imprisoned but soon the removed the blocks of the Government rifles. It is estimated that there are 400 armed rebels in the district. They are employed in guarding the river to prevent the advance of British troops. The anxiety of the English inhabitants is terrible. The Boer Landdrost announced that Kimberley and Ladysmith had been taken, and this was implicitly believed. The farmers in the district say they have rebelled of their own accord without encouragement from the Free State.—Reuter's Special Service.

THE DEFENCE OF MAFEKING.

TOWN STILL CLOSELY INVESTED.

Mafeking, Nov. 21 (via Lourenço Marques, Nov. 29). The Boers continue shelling us from a 10-ton gun. They have secured the correct range and have seemingly got new shells containing a very high explosive of great destructive power. The departure of Cronje's commando has not materially weakened the forces which are now investing us. The enemy have pushed their entrenchments to the east of the town to within 2,000 yar is of our defences. Our men have exchanged shots at 1,500 yards with the Boer sharpshooters. The bombardment, though destructive to property, has so far killed and wounded very few. The convent has received eight shells, but the nuns still refuse to leave, having bomb-proof shelters. They are setting a splendid example.

We have received congratulations from Buluwayo on our brilliant stand. We are glad to hear that Kimberley has been relieved. Meanwhile, as we have now been bombarded for forty days, we are beginning to wonder whether so neone will relieve Mafeking if only for the sake of variety. We feel that it will be hard if we are not allowed to take a share in the British triumph which must soon be celebrated in Pretoria. Besides, our position grows daily more serious.

The citizens have done their work like men. They have lain night and day in the wet trenches nor dare they to put their heads above the breastwork for fear of the Boer sharpshooters. Though the town is closely invested, the garrison are very confident of holding out.—Reuter's Special Service.

MESSAGE FROM COLONEL BADEN POWELL.

The Bulawayo correspondent of the "Times" sends the following telegram from Colonel Baden-Powell:—

Mafeking, November 27.—All well here. It is credibly reported that our bayonet attack on the Boer trenches last month was far more successful than was expected, 40 being killed and wounded with the bayonet, and a large number shot, probably by their own side in the confusion.

A Lourenco Marques telegram, dated Dec. 1, says:—Heavy artillery firing from both sides of the Boer position continued at Mafeking on Nov. 28. The garrison responded with spirit. On the 29th the bombardments of Mafeking was resumed with great vigour. Heavy fighting was proceeding on the western side of the besieged town when the latest reports left the Boers' camp.

THE SITUATION IN NATAL.

BOERS TREKKING TOWARDS THE DRAKENSBERG.

Ladysmith, November 29.—The enemy's batteries are active, but without effect. They are probably covering a retrograde movement, as several bodies of Boers were seen yesterday moving towards the Drakensberg. Again to-day other bodies were observed trekking to the north-east with waggons. There is some sickness amongst the enemy, and there are rumours of discord between the Transvaal and Free State forces. Twenty-six guns now surround Ladysmith, but they are doing little damage. News of the victorious engagement of the Kimberley relief column has reached us and has been received with great satisfaction. The tide of war has now turned.—Reuter's Special Service.

Frere Camp, Dec. 4, 10-40 a.m.—Despatches which have just come in from Reuter correspondent at Ladysmith's a state that all is well and that the garrison is going strong. One despatch, dated the 28th, states that the Boers continue to bombard Ladysmith daily, and that they are believed to have fortified the hills between Ladysmith and Colenso. Another despatch dated the 29th of November, says that large numbers of the enemy are moving towards the Drakensberg, and also towards the north-east.—Reuter.

Frere Camp, December 5.—The weather here is raw and rainy. The sounds of heavy firing were heard to the north of the camp this morning. A gallop thither disclosed the fact that nothing was occurring near Colenso, but that the enemy had been firing into Ladysmith. Owing to the thick weather nothing could be seen. It is rumoured that 6,000 Free Staters have left the besieging force round Ladysmith. They are said to entertain the greatest fears regarding the safety of their own country. The heath of the troops here is good.—Reuter's Special Service.

Frere Camp, December 5 (5-10 p.m.).—The work of repairing the railway is progressing favourably. Firing was heard in the direction of Ladysmith to-day. The Boers are reported to be retreating to the mountains, and are said to have completely lost their old courage.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

MR. KRUGER SAID TO BE ANXIOUS TO ABANDON THE SIEGE.

Frere, Dec. 1.—President Kruger is anxious that burghers should leave Ladysmith, and oppose the British marching on Pretoria from the Western Border.—Reuter's Special Service.

GENERAL JOUBERT INDISPOSED,

SCHALK BURGER IN SUPREME COMMAND.

Pretoria, December 2 (via Lourenco Maiques, December 4).—General Joubert, who is indisposed, has arrived at Volksrust, and is receiving medical attention. During the absence of General Joubert, Mr. Schalk Burger assumes the supreme command of the Boer forces. A despatch from the head laager states that a council of war was held this morning to consider the question of an assault upon Ladysmith. The State Attorney has arrived in camp to assist the Boer commanders with his advice. Heavy firing on both sides is reported from Mafeking this morning. Despatches from Kimberley and Ladysmith state that everything is quiet. Proper wood and iron houses have been built for the rank and file of the British prisoners at Waterfal, a few miles from Pretoria. Count de Villebois, a colonel in the French army, the authorities military attaché with the Boer army, has left for the front to join a commando.—Reuter.

The correspondent of the "Morning Post" in Ladysmith, in a message dated November 27, says:—General Joubert is reported to be seriously ill with dysentery. But little trouble to guarantee the truth of the rumour. In Berlin the report that General Joubert has been killed is credited. He is said to have been killed by a fragment of a shell, which struck him on the head during the action near Ladysmith on November 11, and the present Commander of the Boers is David Joubert, his cousin.

The correspondent of the "Daily News" at Frere Camp, in a telegram dated Monday, says:—The following is an official report:—

"Despatches received from Ladysmith report all well. The bombardment continues. Parties of Dutch are reported trekking towards the Free State."

"Ladysmith is looking forward to relief. Heliographic communication has been established. It is reported that the first night the electric search light was used for communicating with Ladysmith great consternation and confusion was created in the Dutch camp near Colenso amongst the more ignorant of the Dutch. Their commandant's precautions were useful in revealing the enemy's position behind Colenso. There were many marvellous escapes, the enemy's well directed shells falling among our men without damage. The Natal Police field forces had several shells fall in their midst. One shrapnel was picked up with all its bullets intact. Our guns were outranged, but galloped into range and planted several shells near the Boer guns. A Natal police party went to the village and drew the Boer rifle fire. There is practically no doubt that Colenso bridge has been destroyed. Several local Dutch are known to be with the enemy. In several houses compromising documents were found. A large staff of men are repairing the bridge. A lot of cattle and goats, belonging to renegade Dutch, were driven in by us to-day (Monday).

INCIDENTS IN THE SIEGE OF LADYSMITH.

It is estamated that 2,068 shells have been thrown into Ladysmith since the beginning of the siege (says the Estcourt correspondent of the "Standard," telegraphing on the first of this month). On November 23 eight persons were killed in the town by the bombardment. The enemy have been making renewed efforts to capture the town and camp before the Relief Column can arrive. But Sir George White is quite equal to holding out for the requisite time.

THE CONDITION OF THE BOER COMMISSARIAT.

Telegraphing on November 28, the Ladysmith correspondent of the "Morning Post" says:—The Boer artillery shelled this place to-day with most praiseworthy industry; but did practically no damage. The new 6-in. gun on the Middle Hill was fired calmly and effective, but was quite ineffective. Our guns rarely condescended to reply, but when they did made excellent practice. The Boers directed their chief fire against the Rifle Brigade and the Manchester Regiment, and also sent some vindictive shells into the town. News has reached us of the victory at Mool River, and there are also rumours of successes over Free State troops. General Joubert's force is retreating and massing in this neighbourhood. It is possible that the enemy may give battle again this evening. I saw three convoys of waggons retreating in the direction of Van Reenen's Pass. The Boer commissariat is deplorably defective, and dysentry is rife among their troops. Our men keep well and cheerful. The only anxiety they have is that the Boers will refuse us the chance of giving them a thorough beating.

GALLANT ACTION OF A CARABINEER.

On November the 26th, says the Ladysmith correspondent of the "Daily News," the Boers broke the Sabbath peace, hitherto strictly observed, by firing several shells at the Kaffirs engaged in burying the dead and horses. Their working parties were also all day protected to mount their heavy guns in position on Middle Hill. On the following morning hostilities began at eight o'clock, when the enemy attempted to head off the Carabineers' horses which had been left to graze in charge of a few natives. In the latter case all troops and horses were successfully transferred to the Camp. But in the case of the Ismore a large number of horses would appear to have been lost. As only 20 horses are reported saved, it is to be feared that the loss of animals is serious, inasmuch as they would not be of the chartered class, but selected and trained transport and gun teams. The value placed upon such animals by the military authorities is very considerable, and the loss will be the more keenly felt by reason of the dearth of suitable and reliable mounts and gun teams at the front. It will be remembered that the Ismore endeavoured to leave England in a gale, and after futile efforts took shelter in Mount Bay, on the Cornish coast, until Nov. 9, when she cleared the British coast, four days after her appointed time.

The Ismore had on board about 400 rank and file of various sections. The 63rd Field Battery consisted of six officers, 170 men, and 140 horses, with six 15 pounder guns, eleven four-wheeled military vehicles ambulance waggons, and stores. The Bearer Company of the R.A.M.C. on board consisted of one officer and 52 men, with ambulance waggons and hospital fittings.

DETAILS OF THE BATTLE ON LORD MAYOR'S DAY.

Various reports of the battle at Ladysmith on Nov. 9 have reached us, but the first authoritative account is furnished by a telegram from the correspondent of the "Standard," which was published on Monday. It is dated November 10, but of course, has been considerably delayed in transmission owing to the difficulty of getting any despatches out of the besieged town.

At dawn yesterday morning (says the correspondent) the Boer artillery opened a heavy cannonade on the town and camp. Under cover of the guns, the enemy launched a force against the front of the positions occupied by us to the north. They made a determined effort to seize a hill near the town, and for five hours the possession of that commanding point was contested with a heavy and uninterrupted rifle and artillery fire. The attack, however, failed to make any impression upon our troops, who held their ground with the utmost tenacity. Now and again the enemy ventured to advance into the open, but on each occasion they were driven back with severe loss. While this engagement was in progress to the north of the town, another commando approached it from the east, under cover of the thorns which grow so thickly in that direction. Here they were met and repelled by the 1st Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment, who, throughout the defence, were subjected to a galling fire from the Boer artillery.

SOME STARP FIGHTING.

Towards noon yet a third attack was developed, the objective being a ridge to the south-west of Ladysmith. At this point the brunt of the defence fell to the 1st Battalion of the Manchesters, who gave an excellent account of themselves, and beat back the enemy with considerable loss. By way of honouring, in the regulation manner, the birthday of the Prince of Wales, our centre battery fired a Royal salute of 21 rounds at the enemy's guns of position. Simultaneously, the whole of the troops raised cheers for the Prince, and sang snatches of the National Anthem, which sounded somewhat incongruously amid the yells and shrieks of the combatants. As the afternoon wore on the cannonade slackened in intensity, and the Boers began to withdraw their guns. Masses of their mounted men, who had remained in concealment to gallop into the town had the general attack met with success, scampered back to their lines under a searching fire from our battery. Generally speaking, the enemy's shell fire was ineffectual. A large proportion of the shells refused to explode, and it was mainly owing to the poor quality of their ammunition that our casualties were so slight. Indeed, considering the nature and duration of the fight, they may be described as nominal. The Boers are so confident of having established themselves permanently in Northern Natal that many of them have settled themselves in the neighbourhood of Elands Laagte. They have also appointed magistrates for the district.

NEWS FROM PRETORIA.

THE CONDITION OF THE BRITISH PRISONERS.

Pretoria, November 28.—An armoured train came out from Kimberley yesterday afternoon. It fired a few shots on the commando and returned. The Landdrost of Rustenburg has sent a doctor and reinforcements to the commando which is fighting Khama's men at Gaberones. The natives captured 130 oxen from the burghers. The Government has commandeered all the coalsell found in the mines on the Rand, and has given receipts for the same. The British prisoners here, officers and men alike, are allowed to purchase beer and read newspapers. The Government has no objection to their subscribing to the Pretoria State Library.—Reuter's Special Service.

THE OCCUPATION OF DUNDEE BY THE BOERS.

UNABLE TO SEE RED CROSS FLAG.

Ladysmith, November 7.—The following information I have gained from different officers who remained in Dundee attending the wounded, and who have now arrived in Ladysmith. They state that during their enforced stay they were well treated by the Boers. After the evacuation of Dundee the Boers shelled the hospital and the ambulance until the white flag was hoisted, when their firing ceased. Captain Milner rode with one orderly into the Boer camp with a flag of truce, and was told that the Boers could not see the Red Cross flag. This statement he verified by observation.

THE SURRENDER OF THE HOSPITAL.

On arrival at the Boer Camp Captain Milner was met by two officers, and told to write to General Erasmus as follows:—"We surrender the hospital and ask for your protection. As we are likely to run short of dressing if we remain here we ask you to facilitate the removal of our wounded by ambulance trains. We are not an armed corps, but have the arms of patients who were wounded in the field. We wish to carry out the conditions of the Convention and do not wish to give up these arms unless compelled to do so." General Erasmus replied, "If you lay down the arms at present in your possession I will discuss the other points brought forward."

A BOER FICTION.

About 12-30 on October 23 two Boer officers rode into the camp, and asked whether it was true that Boer wounded were tied to gun carriages and dragged round the field of battle. A negative reply was given.

GENERAL SYMONS'S DEATH.

At 3-30 p.m. General Symons expired. He was buried on the 24th. His body was sewn in the Union Jack, and was carried to the Church of England burial ground by the non-commissioned officers and men of the Hospital Staff. All officers who could attended, and as the body was taken out of the camp every men who was able stood to attention. The funeral was most impressive. All the Boers raised their hats as the procession passed to the burial ground where many of them attended the service, behaving most respectfully.

"MAFEKING HAS FALLEN."

The following is a copy of a telegram which was posted at Dundee post office on the 29th.—"Ladysmith surrounded by the Free State and Transvaal armies. Mafeking has fallen. Kimberley surrounded and water-supply cut off."

A BOER CALL TO PRAISE THE LORD.

The following Boer proclamation was posted in Dundee on the 31st: "Praise the Lord and ask His protection and assistance, as our troops have had heavy losses as also have the enemy. Pray the Lord, all ye burghers, for our success and victory, which, with the Lord's assistance, we shall gain ever praising and blessing the Lord and a just cause."—Reuters Special Service.

THE LANCERS AT ELANDS LAAGTE.

BOERS FIRE ON THE RED CROSS AND THEN CRY FOR MERCY.

A letter appears in several Dutch newspapers from an anonymous correspondent at Capetown who, having visited the Boer prisoners at Simon's Bay, makes the following amongst other charges against the British at the battle of Elands Laagte:—

"Never, never could I have thought this Englishmen to be such brutes. Imagine! About 90 men were behind a "kopje" when some 300 Lancers attacked them. They had to surrender to such an overwhelming majority, and threw down their weapons in token of this. But then the captain of the Lancers shouted: "Kill the B——!" Whereupon a tremendous massacre took place! Sousenthaler was among those who were spared, because he had remained in the ground."

Some light is thrown on this statement by the following letter, dated Ladysmith, October 28, received from Trooper Thomas Dolan, of the 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers:—

"I have been through two engagements at the time of writing, and we hope to settle things by the time you get this letter. I suppose all will have happened then, and you will have known all about it. . . . I believe the shells the Boers fire are faked, or else they cannot time them to go off, for last Saturday no less than a dozen dropped among us as we charged about 200, and swept them off the face. As soon as they saw the lance they threw up their rifles and ammunition in the air and cried "Friends," but it was too late to go, for they fired on the Red Cross, and we had no mercy for those. Bleedin' arts, and anything in that line they come more expensive."

"No, I ain't got sixpence. Christmas cards ain't what they was. I shall just go 'ome and send 'm a pictur' advertisement off of a soap box—you don't 'ave to pay nothink for *them*?" Finally, however, the lady was appeased; she gave up the heart reluctantly and chose the safe and simple device of a true-lover's knot.

ASKING FRED STRAIGHT OUT.

When this customer was satisfied up came another doubting damsel, this time accompanied by a friend.

"Don't you think, dear, this" (taking up a florid card *might* bring Fred to the point? You see, moonlight and two lovers and something about' if you love me as I love you.' It's just affectionate enough without going too far."

"Bring him to the point—my? that's asking him straight out, that is I'd beat about the bush a bit, if I was you."

"Oh?" (disappointed), "then what do you think of this?—

"'Two loving hearts at Christmas tide,
Why should they not be side by side?'"

"I think, dearie, that's just trifle 'forward.' What you want is something more vague—like this (and it's a sweet wreath of forget-me-nots round it too):—

"'Why my kind desires refine,
Since they're all inspired thine?'"

"Oh, yes; he'll like that; it's so poetic? And he'll understand it, too."

"If he understands it," I thought to myself, it's certainly more than I do?"

WHERE THE JOKE CAME IN.

After this coy damsel came a red-checked and blowsy girl of the lower middle class—this time with a young man.

"Oh, 'Enery," she cried, "this is nice. 'Ere's just the kind I want. Will this do for Maria?" holding up a picture representing a lady robed in white satin.

"Maria isn't exactly a bride, is she?" said the youth addressed, thoughtfully sucking his stick.

"No, not she—(with a giggle)—nor ever like to be; that *where the joke come in*, don't ye see?"

A curious idea, I reflected (silently), some people seem to have of humour!

But two other girls in feathered boas and beflowered toques" rushed up and joined the speaker.

"See, Bella," the first cried, "we've got such splendid ones. 'Eres a clock covered with roses, and see the words on it, 'Gather ye roses while ye may'; that'll do for Nancy, who's getting rather on the shelf now—and here's a cheque with 'Pay bearer £1,000, for the poor Smiths, who are so hard up!"

"But look at mine!" cried the other minx. Two cats sitting by an empty grate—that'll just do for old Jane and Emma Brown—don't you see?—they're the two cats! And two rabbits cuddling one another under a blue umbrella—that'll suit the Robinsons, who are on their honeymoon. And see, this funny one of two red-nosed people fighting—we'll said that to Susan and her husband, who are always sparring," etc., etc.

There is much good reading in the same number of the "Woman At Home."

The *Times* says:—It has been ruled that the regulations governing the compulsory retirement of a general officer or a colonel of the Indian Staff Corps are those contained in the amended regulations for the promotion and for the transfer to the Unemployed Supernumerary List of officers of her Majesty's Indian Staff Corps, and that under these regulations officers admitted to the Staff Corps on or before July 1, 1881, on attaining the rank of general officer or colonel in the Army come, as regards the limits of age, under the retirement articles of the warrant of Dec. 31, 1889, under which retirement in the rank of colonel is compulsory at the age of fifty five. The age for compulsory retirement has by subsequent Royal Warrants been raised to fifty-seven in the British Army, but a similar extension has not been sanctioned in the case of the Staff Corps except as regards transfers to the Unemployed Supernumerary List of colonels admitted to the Staff Corps before July 1, 1881.

THE ABUSE OF THE WHITE FLAG,

BOERS' TREACHEROUS TACTICS.

Capetown, Thursday, 5-10 p.m.—The military authorities here have published a letter from a well-known resident in the Transvaal addressed to the General Commanding the Cape, in which he states definitely that before the ultimatum was presented by the Transvaal Government to Great Britain the Boer leaders openly discussed the policy of using the white flag when driven into a corner in order to deceive the British commanders. The policy of making the British prisoners when they had them secured to advance was generally approved. The writer denounces this treachery as an infamous practice, and warns the officers on the British side of this recognised Boer device, and urges them to act accordingly.

The general abuse of the white flag by the Boers, however, is now recognised by all our officers and men. The men are not likely to pay any attention to the white flag unless the enemy throws down his arms.—Central News.

CAPE RIFLE CLUBS CALLED OUT.

VOLUNTEERS READY TO MARCH.

Capetown, Nov. 29.—Four train loads of Horse Artillery started for the front to-day. The steamer Orient having to-morrow will take a detachment of invalids to England. Sir Alfred Milner has issued a proclamation calling out the Tembuland and Engcobo Rifle Clubs for active service. Four hundred Volunteers are assembled at Uitenhage awaiting marching orders, which are expected immediately. Reuter's cyclist runner, who has arrived at Upington from Mafeking reports that the Boers have commandeered 100 natives and destroyed 33 miles of rails.—Reuter.

MR. SCHREINER AND PRESIDENT STEYN.

PROTEST AGAINST THE INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

Capetown, Saturday night.—The text of the message which Mr. Schreiner recently sent to President Steyn is published to-day. The message, it will be remembered, was carried by a newspaper man, who arrested as spy by the Boers on the Free State border. The letter, which is dated November 10th, expresses regret and surprise at the invasion of Cape Colony, and at the Commandeering of British subjects and their goods. Mr. Schreiner doubts whether these practices have the sanction of President Steyn, and he protests against them. He says that the people of the Colony have done nothing to deserve such treatment, and he warns the President that the consequences of such actions will be laid to his charge.—Central News.

Capetown, Dec. 3.—Mr. Schreiner reports officially to the magistrates that President Steyn in his reply repudiates the action of his Commandants. Much indignation is expressed here at the Premier's message; the general feeling is that it is unbecoming for a Minister of the Crown to communicate by way of a protest with the Queen's enemies.—Reuter.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Standard" wrote on December 6:—The newly discovered goldfields in Hokkaido cover as far as is known at present, an area of about 650 square miles. They extend over the north-western corner of the island. They are situated in the Province of Kitami. The centre of the goldfields is Mount Horo Noboru, natural boundaries being formed by the rivers Horobetsu and Tombetzu, in the south-east and west. The gold is almost exclusively found in small streams and rivers rising in the Horo Noboru h

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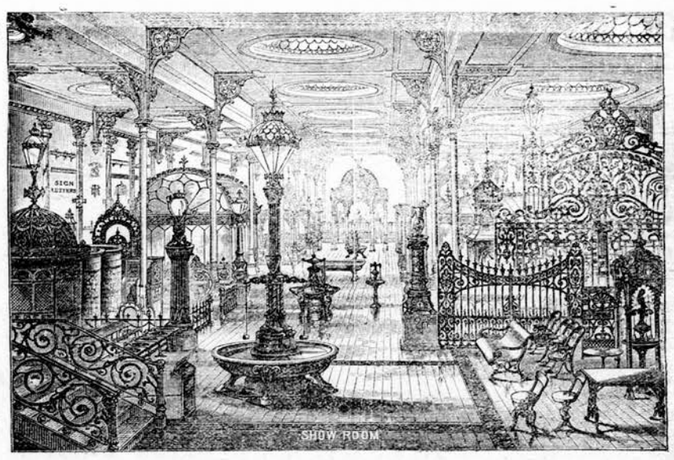

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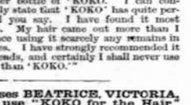

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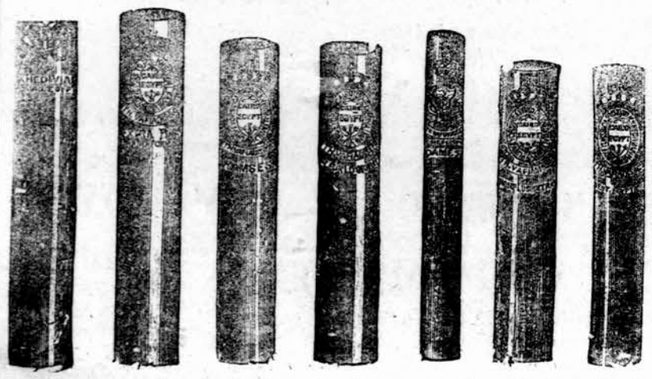

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